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Melissa Knigge, 15, a sophomore at Antioch Community High School, relaxes in her family's Lindenhurst home with brother, Matt, 19. Melissa was diagnosed with an autoimmune kidney disease when she was 8.— *File photo*

New year, new life

Melissa Knigge receives kidney donation

By BRENDA BALIN-BEITSCHER
Staff Reporter

Melissa Knigge and her family have been on an emotional roller coaster for several months.

First, the family learned that 15-year-old Antioch Community High School sophomore Melissa would no longer be able to get by with her own kidneys.

For the past seven years, Melissa has suffered from Type II membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis, a rare, chronic and progressively degenerative kidney disease.

Last spring, Melissa's physicians told the family that Melissa had lost 90 percent of her kidney function and would need to go on dialysis if she did not receive a transplant by February.

Because an organ donor must match a potential recipient's blood type and tissue type, members of the recipient's immediate family are considered the best choice. Unfortunately, Melissa's mother and brother had the wrong blood type, and Melissa's father had other health considerations that excluded him as a donor.

"We had my niece tested," said Beth Knigge, Melissa's mother. "But doctors found a blockage and said she could not be a donor."

Their roller coaster of hope and despair dipped, casting a shadow on the holiday season. Two days later, however, the roller coaster hit another high, as a call came in from the Illinois organ donor registry at Loyola.

A 43-year-old woman who had died from a head trauma was a match. The woman's family agreed to allow the transplant.

Melissa's feelings were scrambled.

"I felt bad for the woman's family," she said. "But I was also excited that I had a second chance."

Melissa went into the hospital Jan. 1, had surgery Jan. 2 and was back home Jan. 6.

"Surgery went well," Beth said. "Melissa will be up and around in about six to eight weeks."

Melissa was most looking forward to just being able to run again. For a long time, her disease has made her too tired to sustain any strenuous activity. It was a great deprivation for a girl who loves playing hockey.

The teen will be on a regimen of antibiotics, anti-rejection drugs and drugs to control hypertension. Some of the drugs will be part of a lifelong routine, while others will eventually be eliminated.

A Lakeland feature about Melissa's plight generated numerous telephone calls and e-mails from residents eager to assist the family. Many of those who called or wrote wanted to offer themselves as living kidney donors. Names were passed on to the Knigges. The family was moved by the response.

"We are so grateful," said Beth Knigge. "It was nice to know there were so many people who wanted to help."

Now, the family is facing financial ramifications. The surgery cost "somewhere in six figures," according to Beth Knigge.

"We're hoping to do a fund-raiser next month," she said.

Aside from the surgery, Melissa will now be on an expensive lifelong drug protocol.

A trust fund has been established. Donations are being accepted at Libertyville Bank and Trust, 507 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, Ill., 60048. Donations should be addressed to the Melissa Knigge Kidney Transplant Fund.

Cuts loom if District 34 referendum fails

By JULIE MURPHY
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Superintendent John Hunt made it clear that the increase being sought with the Educational Fund referendum would do nothing more for Antioch Community Consolidated District 34 than to keep its status quo.

He explained that because of Illinois' tax cap that the district had not been able to tax at the rate previously approved by voters in 1989 and that the district has not received $9 million that it should have been able to collect. In 1989 voters approved an Educational Fund tax rate of $2.775, $.025 more than what the board hopes will be approved this spring.

The 1992 tax cap changed the rules so that the maximum that can be collected is either at the cost of living or 5 percent of a home's assessed value, whichever is less, leaving school districts unable to benefit from the full tax increase of that home.

District 34 is seeking a $.65 increase from its current taxation rate of $2.081 to $2.73.

Hunt said the district will be $45,000 in the red at the end of this school year and that figure will jump in leaps and bounds if the referendum is not approved and if the board of education does not make program cuts.

"We've had a 14 percent increase (student population) in the two years, added 1,000 students since the last referendum and over 2,100 new homes have been approved within the district," he said. "Impact fees (from the new housing developments) are restricted to capitol improvements."

Hunt said that 73 percent of the district's funding comes

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Industrial park safe for now

By JULIE MURPHY
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Lake County officials have reversed the previously held position that the Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) would forge forward with its proposal to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to dramatically increase the area of Antioch labeled floodplain, including most of the industrial park.

The village of Antioch with the help of District 1 Rep. Judy Martini (R-Antioch) and State Rep. JoAnn Osmond (R-Antioch), the commission has been persuaded to at least review its study prior to sending along the recommendation to FEMA. Additionally, the village hired Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL) to study the SMC study with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry kicking in $5,000 in the kitty to cover costs.

The outlined preliminary findings of CBBEL, to be presented in entirety to the village board on Tuesday, Jan. 20, indicate that there are "errors in the hydrologic and hydraulic models," and that when the errors were corrected "these revisions resulted in the lowering of the 100-year floodplain upstream of Orchard Street by approximately 5 feet below the SMC floodplain."

In a memorandum written by Michael Warner, chief engineer for Lake County, to members of the Stormwater Management Commission, he said, "Potentially substantial errors have been discovered in this study by both SMC staff and CBBEL that can have a dramatic effect on the preliminary floodplain levels... Concerning the nature of the errors discovered, the hydrologic routing procedure chosen by the consulting company (not Lake County staff) appears to be a questionable methodology for this stream system and combined with inappropriate lateral streamflow (stet) contributions has created artificially high floodplain elevations."

The SMC has not made a definitive decision as to how to proceed and will likely do so at its next regular meeting, Thursday, Feb. 5. For now, the original recommendation to change the Sequoit Creek floodplain has not been sent on to FEMA.

Martini said, "I worked with the village and (Rep.) JoAnn Osmond and lobbied the SMC not to submit the maps. I'm glad they are going to hold back until some further study is done. I'm happy we did what we did, and taken aback by the scope of the errors considering the amount of money that was

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Comprehensive Plan reflects 173-corridor study

By JULIE MURPHY
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With approval after the second reading of the ordinance to make changes to Antioch's Comprehensive Plan, the Route 173-corridor study will be reflected in the plan. Though to give these changes "teeth," the village will have to write ordinances to address specific issues.

Previously, Bob Silhan, director of planning, zoning and building, said amending the comprehensive plan, zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations would be necessary for the village to ensure the integrity of the plan holds together.

Village attorney Bob Long recommended taking caution in doing this. "We want to make sure the ordinances would be enforceable," he said. "It doesn't make sense to put ordinances in place that will fall apart in a couple of years."

'Antioch can grow in a way that doesn't constrain property owners and doesn't put undue burden on the tax base'

Bob Long

Silhan suggested an "overlay area" might be appropriate to address concerns that only pertain to the east Route 173 corridor and not other areas of the village.

Long said he felt the plan was "do-able" from a legal standpoint. "This sets the standard for how things can be done," he said. "Antioch can grow in a way that doesn't constrain property owners and doesn't put undue burden on the tax base."

Attention was paid to maintain the visual integrity of the area's natural amenities and to avoid "seas of asphalt."

Language was strengthened in terms of buffer requirements to both environmentally sensitive areas and residential properties, to ensure the village wouldn't be in the position of granting Lake County ordinance minimums to developers.



Lead guitar player Brad Perlow performs during a "Battle of the Bands" at the Antioch High School. Perlow's band, "Zero Vizibility" also included : Josh Cuseras, Levi Josts, Ben Kounty and Brandon Murl. — *Photo by J.W. Sternickle*

St. Pete's hosts first Las Vegas Night

By JULIE MURPHY
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St. Peter's Church breaks with what may become Antioch's newest tradition as it hosts its first Las Vegas Night on Jan. 31.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. to a full complement of casino action that includes blackjack, roulette, craps and poker. Poker will be set up in its own separate room.

For those who need a break between or are just looking for other entertainment, two bands will play a variety of music.

According to Rod Polich, co-chair, between the Rhythm Kings and Thomas Tukesbrey's (seventh grade teacher at St. Peter School) Bivouac there will music to suit every taste. He added that there would be room for dancing for those interested in more than just stretching their legs after sitting at a poker table.

"The games will break up at midnight, but the entertainment will continue on after that," he said.

Finger foods such as hot dogs, Italian beef, nachos and pizza will be available as well as soft drinks and libations.

The $5 tickets can be purchased at the door on the night of the event. Proceeds will benefit St. Peter School.

Polich said, "We decided we'd try this. With Footlights going from two weekends down to one weekend this year, we have two extra casino licenses available, so we thought we'd see if there was interest for this."

He explained that St. Peter Church is issued four casino licenses per year (number CG17), and that in the past all four had been earmarked for Footlights. The format change allows the church the opportunity to host an additional two events like this.

Polich said that with this being the first time the church has hosted a separate Las Vegas Night that not every detail is as neatly ironed out as with Footlights. He said the committee was still discussing the possibility of a 50-50 raffle, with no final decision having been made.

St. Peter's is a non-smoking facility and Las Vegas Night is a non-smoking event. Those planning to attend must be at least 21 years old.

Placement tests scheduled for 8th-graders

By JULIE MURPHY
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Eighth grade students attending Antioch Upper Grade School, Prince of Peace, Faith Lutheran or St. Peter School, and who will be attending Community High School District 117 in August 2004, will be tested for math and English placement on the weekends of Jan. 31 and Feb. 7.

Assistant Principal Sydney Klocke said there was a wording issue with the letter that was mailed to parents and that all students will need to be tested. "No children have been tested for placement," she said.

Students will take two tests: the Iowa Algebra Readiness Test and the Gates-MacGinite Reading Comprehension Test.

The Saturday testing begins promptly at 8:15 a.m., though the students are to report to Antioch Community High School by 8 a.m. to sign up and report to testing rooms. Those whose last names begin with A through M will be expected on Jan. 31, while those whose last names begin with N through Z will be expected on Feb. 7.

These two tests will be completed by 9:30 a.m.

Those unable to take the test at the assigned time are asked to return the form and give the preferred test date.

Students interested in testing for placement in a math course high than Algebra I, or for placement in English I Honors will be required to take an additional test (or tests if both apply). Those interested in further placement testing are also asked to return their forms.

These tests will begin at 9:45 a.m. on the scheduled test date. The comprehensive math test is 45 minutes long, and 60 minutes maximum for the English test that requires a writing sample. Students taking both tests will be given the math assessment first.

Students staying to test for placement in higher level math and English courses will be allowed to use the phones to call for rides home.

Klocke said anyone needing further information should feel free to call her at 847-838-7179 or email sklocke@d117.org.

Scheduling changes should be requested as soon as possible.

Bands battle for junior prom

By JULIE MURPHY
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Six bands battled it out at Antioch Community High School (ACHS) in a competition with the sole purpose being to raise money for the junior class prom.

Zero Vizibility, Fallout, Anti-Cure, Dead Inside, Until Later and Vice played in the school's gym for a mere $5. Commemorative T-shirts were sold throughout the week prior to the Friday-night performance for $10. Students donning the Ts were allowed into the battle for free.

"This is great fun for the students," said art teacher Julie Elver, junior class sponsor. "The money from the event will be used by the class for prom. The money from the sale of the T-shirts covers the cost of the battle, as we have to hire sound people and other things."

Elver said the band members of all six bands are largely current ACHS students with the exception of a couple who already graduated and a couple of students from Round Lake.

"Members of the junior class emcee the battle," Elver said. "It takes a lot of effort on the part of the students to bring this all together."

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Important issues loom in small election



OUR TOWN

Julie Murphy

Though this spring's primary election, March 16, is smaller and has fewer issues that pertain to Antioch residents, important issues still loom large. It's still important to get out and vote, and making sure that one is registered is the first step.

To be eligible to vote in the upcoming election, one must be registered to do so by no later than Feb. 16.

Registering to vote is pretty easy these days.

As Antioch Community Consolidated District 34 is hoping to get an Educational Fund referendum approved on March 16 to keep it in the black, all of the schools within the district have the ability to register residents to vote during regular business hours.

Antioch Upper Grade School and WC Petty are located off on Highview off of Tiffany, just west of the Jewel on Route 173. Antioch Elementary School is located on the east side of Main Street, just to the north of Orchard.

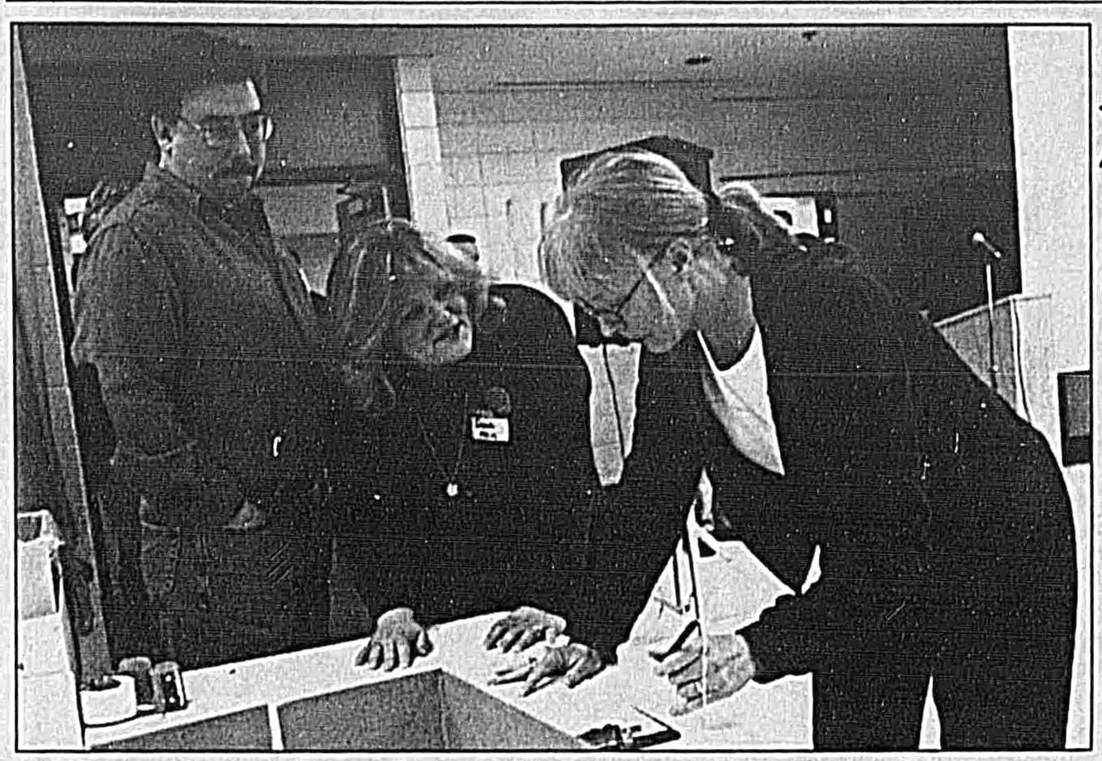
Oakland Elementary is located on the northwest corner of Grass Lake and Deep Lake roads. Hillcrest Elementary is located on Depot to the west of Deep Lake Road.

Additionally, residents may register to vote at Village Hall. The hours are 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. on Monday and 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

To register to vote, one must provide photo identification such as a driver's license or official state identification as well as a utility bill, rental agreement or mortgage statement that shows proof of residency.

District 34's special Budget Cut Committee will making its recommendation to the board of education at the next regular meeting: Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at WC Petty.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town" call staff reporter Julie Murphy at 847-223-8161, ext. 600 or e-mail, moorfie@ix.netcom.com



Bill and Dawn Hein talk with Jan O'Malley as she signs up to be a part of the Antioch Elementary School District 34 referendum phone bank during a referendum kick-off event at Antioch Upper Grade School.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

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from local sources, 23 percent from the state and 4 percent federal. He added that taxes from impending commercial development won't truly add to the district's tax base as the state will pull some of its funding as commercial tax revenue increases.

According to Hunt, the taxes that go to the district from a $200,000 home only covers about 25 percent of the cost to educate one child. The proposed increase averages to about $18 per month for a home valued at $150,00 and $31 a month for a home valued at $250,000.

"Education is a people-intensive business," he said. "About 81 percent of the (Educational Fund) budget is used for salaries and benefits."

The board of education created a special Budget Cut Committee that will be making its recommendations at the next regular meeting, Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at WC Petty. If the referendum is not approved, the committee is prepared to recommend $2 million in cuts for next year, and an additional $1.4 million for the following year to keep the district from financial ruin.

Band Parent President Anna Ward, who serves on the Budget Cut Committee, told Band Parents, "This is a very hard thing to do. There was no fat in the budget when we reviewed it."

The referendum committee plans to campaign heavily for approval, though the district itself is forbidden from doing anything more than making facts available.

Both the district and the referendum committee concur that it's important to get the word out that District 34 is a separate entity from Community High School District 117, and that the increase it received to its Educational Fund affords no benefit to the elementary district. Additionally, District 34 will lose its ability to provide anything more than the basics if the referendum fails.

Hunt said, "If the referendum doesn't pass, we're looking at a very different district next year."

Details of the proposed referendum will be posted on the district's web site www.antioch34.com.

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spent."

She added that she didn't want to see businesses or homeowners suffer the effects of the study's flaws.

George Sakas, senior planner for the village of Antioch said, "The (SMC) study had 540 acres, basically the whole center of town, and had it draining to the culvert that goes under the Pittman property (at Main Street) in about an hour and one-half. We don't have that much grade, and the northeast corner of the industrial park drains to the wetland where the (Sequoit) creek takes the bend upstream."

Sakas said that regardless of what the SMC decides to do at its next meeting, that the village will go forward with its plan clean up Sequoit Creek and to make provisions for enhanced future care.

Trustee Dorothy Larson added that the village plans to apply for grant money and enlist the help of the Fox Waterway Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers and any other knowledgeable agency that could assist Antioch with its ongoing clean-up efforts.

"The elected officials on the SMC board understand the impact to the businesses and residents, and care about that," she said. "We, as a village, are going to do what we can to ensure there aren't problems in the future."

Trustee Scott Pierce said he thought good progress was being made with the SMC, but added, "My feeling is that if the village of Antioch hadn't pushed the issue, these errors would have never been found."

SCHOOL DIGEST

General Assembly scholarships available

Students pursuing an education at one of the Illinois state universities in the fall of 2004 should consider applying for one of the eight scholarships that will be granted by Rep. JoAnn Osmond (R-Antioch).

To be qualified for on the Illinois General Assembly Public Affairs Scholarships, students must reside within the 61st Legislative District and received acceptance into one of the state universities as a full-time student for the school year beginning in the fall of 2004.

The scholarships include full tuition, including summer school, but do not include the costs of room and board. Four of the scholarships are earmarked for students who will be attending the University of Illinois, while the other four scholarships are for schools like Northern and Western.

Those interested in applying should call Osmond's Antioch office at 847-838-6200. The deadline to return applications is April 1.

Eligibility is not limited to current high school students. College students are eligible as well.

Historical society offers scholarships

The Lakes Region Historical Society is offering a $1,000 scholarship to those who are interested in pursuing history or museum-related fields at the college level.

Information packets are available at the School House Museum, the high school guidance office or by calling scholarship chair Regina Reynolds at 847-838-0564.

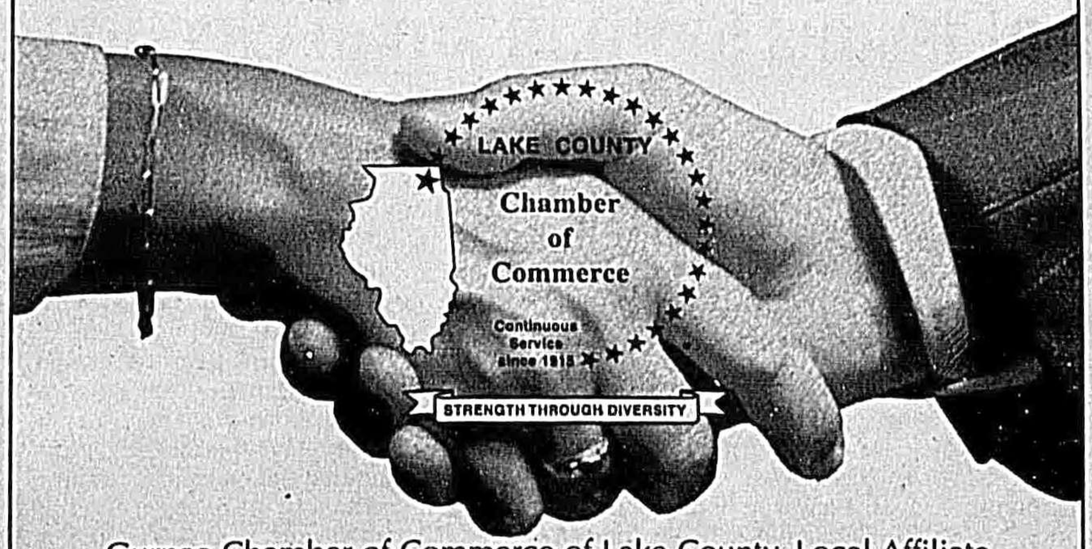
Applicants will be required to complete a 20-hour service project through the historical society. Those eligible for the scholarship include high school seniors, current college students, individuals going back to school and graduate level students. The money can be used for either books or tuition.



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Tiger tour

Lt. Brock Millsop of the Lake Villa Fire Department gives a tour of the firehouse to members of Tiger Cub Pack 88. Millsop was a member of Pack 88, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, in 1970.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

Round Lake Heights Police offer special vehicle plates

In honor of "Law Enforcement Month," the Round Lake Heights Police Department is selling a limited edition run of full four-color license plates.

The plates, commemorating the special event for the eighth year, are illustrated with a six-pointed star, a police officer's cap and a pair of handcuffs.

They may be displayed instead of regular plates from April 2-May 31.

These plates are valid for display on automobiles and small trucks currently registered in Illinois. The plates are numbered 1-500, and will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis.

To reserve a set, motorists must mail a legible copy of their current automobile registrations, along with an application and a check for $30, payable to Round Lake Heights Police Department. Proceeds will go to children's educational programs.

Application information should include name, mailing address, city, state and zip code, daytime telephone number and Illinois driver's license number.

Applicants may indicate up to three choices of number, but if chosen numbers are unavailable, random numbers will be assigned.

Registration copies are not required of the plates are to be used as souvenirs, only, and not displayed on vehicles. Applicants should indicate the intended use.

Information, registration copies and checks should be mailed to this address: Special Event Plate, round Lake heights Police Department, 619 W. Pontiac court, Round Lake Heights, IL 60073.

Plates will be delivered the last week in March. All sales are final.

POLICE BEAT

Persons charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Possession of alcohol by a minor

Victor A. Rigoni, IV, 17, of 40616 Prairie, was arrested for minor possession of alcohol on Jan. 5 at noon.

The department's school resource officer was advised of the situation. Rigoni reportedly had a small black metal flask with alcohol in it, and was suspended from school for five days.

He said that the flask was left in his backpack on accident by a friend over the break. A portable breath test indicated that there was no alcohol in Rigoni's system.

Rigoni was arrested and issued a citation for minor possession of alcohol and released on personal recognizance pending his Jan. 28 court date.

Revoked license, warrant arrest

David R. Weiher, 33, of 37160 N. Piper Lane, Lake Villa, was arrested for driving while revoked and on a warrant on Jan. 10 at 1:02 p.m. on Route 173 at Tiffany.

He was stopped for hauling a trailer with no registration plate and expired registration on the truck.

A check through LEADS/NCIC came back with information that Weiher's driver's license was revoked, his registration plates suspended and that he was wanted on warrant through Lake County ($10,000, 10 percent applies) for failure to appear.

He was arrested and issued citations for driving while revoked and for the operation of a vehicle with suspended registration. He was released on personal recognizance for those charges pending his Feb. 25 court date.

Weiher posted the $1,000 bond for the warrant and was released pending a Jan. 27 court date.

Possession of cannabis

Jeffrey B. Hunt, 17, of 7714 Pheasant Road, Wonderlake, was arrested for possession of cannabis on Jan. 10 at 11:57 p.m. at the intersection of routes 173 and 83.

He was stopped for traveling with one headlight and for failing to obey the traffic signal.

Police reported that he seemed nervous and looked back and forth to the center console. He was asked if he had anything illegal in the car and he said, "No, you can look."

Hunt also told police he had nothing illegal on his person, but when he emptied his pockets and the officer checked a cigarette pack a plastic bag was found with a leafy substance that field tested positive for cannabis.

He was arrested and issued citations for possession of cannabis, driving with one headlight, disobeying a traffic control device and having no insurance. Hunt was released on personal recognizance pending his Jan. 28 court date.

Suspended driver's license

Francisco G. Gonzalez, 46, of 3229 S. 60th Court, Cicero, was arrested for driving while suspended on Jan. 12 at 3:47 p.m. on Depot at Route 83.

He was stopped for having his rear registration taped in the back window. A check through LEADS/NCIC came back with information that his driver's license was suspended.

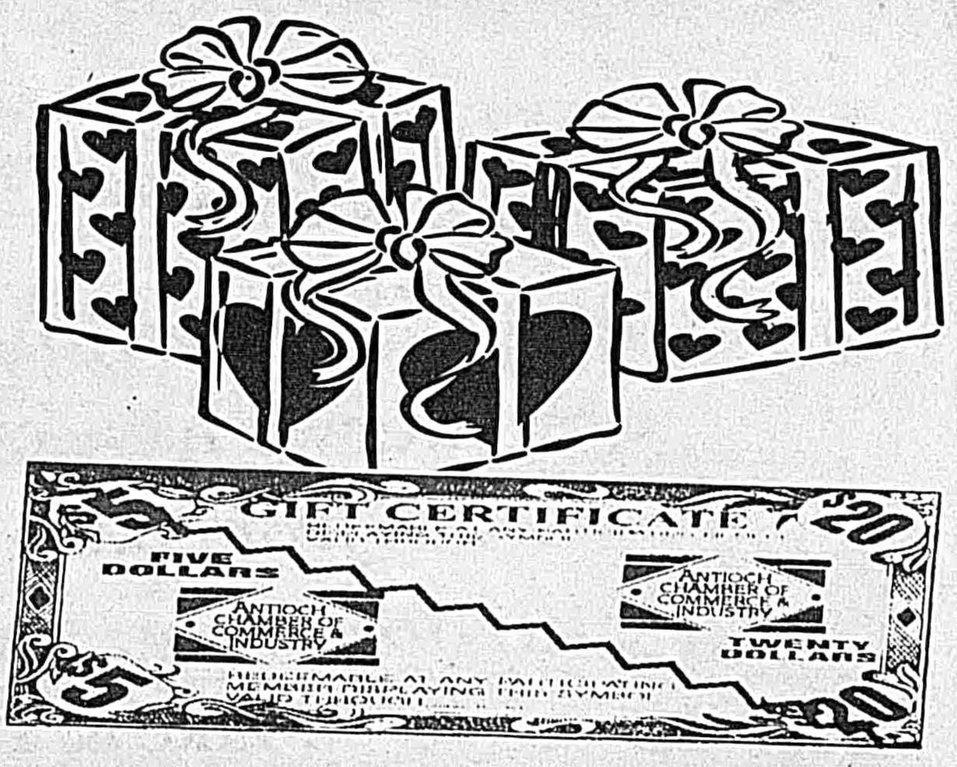
Gonzalez was arrested and issued citations for improper placement of registration and driving while suspended. He was released on personal recognizance pending his Feb. 11 court date.



We did this?

Sixth-grade students from Antioch Upper Grade School made a quilt in Advisory that will be hung in the library. Suki O'Brien, Advisory faculty leader, said, "The kids loved the idea of sewing and cutting." Those who participated in the project (not all pictured) were Sami Ahmed, Becky Pedersen, Felicia Fisher, Annie Damiani, Sean Hannigan, Jackie Littlefield, Kelly Little, Damion Yocum, Danny Jovanov, Abbie Horan, Erica Almodovar, Dylan McCurry, Sara Knupp, Matt Lewis, Stephanie Mendez and James Synowicz. Some of the students presented the quilt at an all-school assembly.

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(Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at the Lindenhurst Park District Community Center, 2200 E. Grass Lake road, west of Route 45. For more information, call 847-356-6011 or visit the park district on the web at www.lindenhurstparks.org.)

First fan club

Children who love "Blues Clues," Elmo, Barney or Clifford the Big Red Dog will love the park district's own blue dog, red monster, purple dinosaur and big red dog.

In this parent/child class, children will experience creative play, games, musical instruments, story time, crafts and more alongside their favorite characters. Parents are invited to bring cameras to capture the moments. For ages 18 months-3 years, on Wednesdays, from 6-6:50 p.m. Session 2 meets Feb. 18-March 24. Fees are $70 for residents, $77 for non-residents.

Spring kindergarten soccer

Kindergarten registration, for children who missed the May registration, will take place during the month of January for the spring 2004 season. Children must currently be in kindergarten. The registration fee is $55. The park district is also seeking adult volunteer coaches for the program.

Free training for volunteer soccer coaches

Free training is available for those who would like to be soccer coaches or who are current coaches who want to learn more.

Clinics will be held at Millburn School on Feb. 9 and March 8 from 6:230-9 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call Suzie, at 847-356-6011.

World's toughest rodeo

A trip to the rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 31, from 6-11 p.m. The show, suitable for all ages, opens with patriotic pageantry. Special lighting effects and music enhance the experience. For reservation information, call 847-356-6011.

Ice skating

The park district provides three outdoor ice rinks (weather permitting). One is located at Engle Memorial Park, near the bandshell; a second at Engle is located near The Haven skateboard park behind the gym; a third rink is located at Millennium Park, near the shelter.

For information about ice conditions, call 847-356-6011.

Entertainment Books available

Entertainment Books for 2004 are now available. The books offer discounts on dining, shopping and recreation. Each book is $20, and the proceeds go to the park district. The discounts are good from now until November.

FOR SENIORS (55+) 'Annie Get Your Gun'

Seniors are going to Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire for dinner and a performance of the musical play "Annie Get Your Gun," the story of the romance between Annie Oakley and Frank Butler, sharpshooters in Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show. Dinner is a choice of apricot chicken over rice, salmon with mango peach chutney or New York strip steak. The trip departs from the community center on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. and returns at 10:30 p.m. The cost is $54 for residents and $59 for non-residents.

Senior Aerobics

Keep fit and active! Join in low-impact exercise set to a fitness video. Registration is not required. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:45-9:45 a.m. The cost is $1 per visit.

Senior Coffee Club

Relax and enjoy some coffee, doughnuts and great company. Walk-ins are welcome and registration is not required. Mondays, 9:45-10:45 a.m. (after aerobics). The cost is $1 per visit.

Cards and games

The Lindenhurst Park District Senior Scene members would like to invite you to play a card game or games with them on Thursday afternoons. Bring a favorite game with you if you like. Come when you can, Thursdays in the Senior Room, starting at 2:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Rep. Churchill announces scholarships

State Rep. Robert W. Churchill (R-Hainesville) announced eight available scholarships for district residents through the Illinois General Assembly Scholarship Program. He encouraged local students to take advantage of the opportunity and fill out an application.

"This scholarship program gives area students a chance to help fund their higher education goals," Churchill said. "I am proud to offer these scholarships and I hope students will stop by my office to pick up an application."

The scholarships are awarded to students who meet the following qualifications:

Legal residence in the 62nd District

Acceptance as a full-time student at a state university

Activity in public and civic affairs

Applications are available at Churchill's district office at 45 W. Belvidere Road, Hainesville. The deadline for applying is March 31.

For more information, contact Churchill's district office at 847-231-6262.

No winter slow down at parks department

The schedule of activities offered by the Antioch Parks Department is no lighter just because the days are shorter.

Adults who want to get a little exercise and improve their skills on the dance floor can take adult ballroom dancing through the parks department at the Dance Academy of Antioch on Sundays beginning Jan. 18. Beginners take the dance floor from 2-3 p.m., and intermediate dancers from 3-4 p.m.

Comfortable clothes and shoes are recommended and dancers are welcome as either singles or couples.

Shotokan Karate classes are ongoing and available for children as young as 3 years old all the way up to seniors, and the senior class is free. New classes to go with the new year include Okinawa Kenjinkai Taiko Drum Class and the Ultimate Body Shaping Course that includes all adult strength, conditioning and cardio kickboxing.

Sensei (instructor) Anna Connors is available to answer specific questions at 847-395-5425.

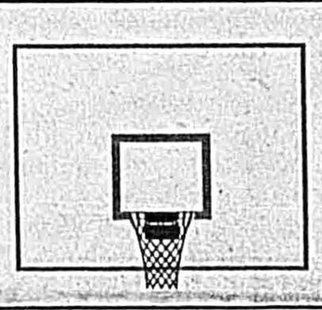
Bowling for 8- to 12-year-olds starts up again on Feb. 5 at the Antioch Bowling Lanes from 5-6 p.m. Balls and shoes are supplied. Lessons are taught by U.S.A. Bowling certified coach Sandy Kelley.

Session three of Time for Me Two, a class for specifically for a parent or guardian and child, starts up on Feb. 6 and runs for eight weeks. Classes are held on Fridays, with 2-year-olds meeting from 8:45-10:15 and 3-year-olds from 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Hungry?

Kids in the Kitchen will meet on Valentine's Day, Saturday, Feb. 14, to make special cookies and candies. The class is open to 6- to 13-year-olds and runs from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

To sign up, or for more information, call the Antioch Parks Department at 847-395-2160, or stop by at 806 Holbek Dr.



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Tee's the Season

Indoor domes and heated outdoor ranges allow golfers to play in winter

By CHRISTY BLANDFORD
Lakeland Correspondent



In below-freezing temperatures, a bundled-up Tony Chinsio swings his golf club forcefully, and his ball flies onto the snow-filled fairway.

Golf is Chinsio's addiction. With a heating vent above his head warming him, Chinsio golfs at the Libertyville Sports Complex's Golf Learning Center regardless of freezing temperatures.

"This game is so addictive," he said. "It's the joy of hitting the ball and seeing how far it goes. To me it's just like a hobby—no matter how cold it is, I just have to go."

Subzero temperatures and piles of powdery snow might not be the first images one associates with golfing.

But winter weather does not mean golfers have to let their clubs gather dust until spring. Indoor golfing centers and heated outdoor driving ranges offer golf enthusiasts the opportunity to maintain their skills in the off-season.

Chinsio, a Grayslake resident, said he golfs nearly every day at Libertyville Sports Complex in the winter to maintain his game.

"If it's snowing on the fairway I play," Chinsio said. "Every chance I have, I play. I come to the driving range almost every day."

Libertyville Sports Complex's golfing center, 1950 N. Route 45, has 40 heated and covered outdoor driving ranges available for golfers during the winter. Twenty of the driving ranges are located on the facility's second level, which is particularly popular with children who want to see exactly how far their golf balls can fly, said Stephanie Witkiewicz, spokeswoman for the sports complex.

Each individual driving range is equipped with an overhead heater, which is controlled by the golfer. A mechanized tee system automatically replaces a golf ball on a tee for golfers, which Witkiewicz said is a convenience for golfers.

"When I hit a ball the next one comes up behind it, so I never have to bend over and put my own ball on the tee," Witkiewicz said.

Charles Sims, golf operations manager and instructor at the sports complex, said winter golfing is an in-demand sport.

"It's becoming real popular," he said. "Serious golfers want to golf year round."

The most avid golfers will not let winter weather stop them from practicing, said Pat Kenny, PGA professional and co-owner of Ballybunion Golf Learning Center, 4200 RFD, Long Grove.

"After the first of the year, things get going a little because people get clubs for Christmas and people are going on vacation," Kenny said. "On weekends you almost have to take a number because there are so many people who want to hit balls."

Ballybunion Golf Learning Center offers 20 heated stations for avid golfers during the off-season, Kenny said.

Ballybunion's 20 station driving range is protected on three sides from rain, snow and wind, and is heated by infrared heat, Kenny said. The range is covered but is outdoors, so it is "like hitting out of the garage with an overhead heater," he said.

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(above) Ken Larson of Lake Forest and Jim Yerkes of Hawthorn Woods tee off from the heated tees at the Libertyville Sports Complex driving range. Yerkes golfs every weekend, no matter what the weather. (below) Libertyville resident Bill Knutson utilizes the heated, automatic tees on a snowy day. — ***Photos by Sandy Bressner***



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FROM LAKELIFE 1

TEE SEASON

"You're out of the wind and you've got this heater on you ... so it's pretty comfortable," Kenny said.

Deacon Kallish, owner of Golf Farm, 2100 N. Route 12, Wauconda, said golfers should not quit practicing in the off-season.

"(Golfers) should at least try to come out once every couple of weeks to stay loose," he said. "They leave off over the summer and then have to work hard over the (next) summer to get back to where they were."

Golf Farm has 12 outdoor booths available for play, that are heated so golfers can focus on their swings rather than the temperature.

"If it's 30 degrees or above you can hit balls very comfortably," he said. "It gives people an opportunity to keep their golf swings."

At the Buffalo Grove Golf Dome, 801 McHenry Road, golfers can practice at a 32-station hitting area enclosed in a dome-shaped covering, said Kristy Vik, director of golf and general manager of the dome.

Inside the golf dome, temperatures are constantly 65-70 degrees. Domes provide more warmth than outdoor heated driving ranges, Vik said.

"It's more temperature controlled (at the golf dome)," she said. "The heat ranges (at outdoor facilities); it's blowing on you and it's warmth, but they're not as warm as the indoor facilities are."

Covered outdoor driving ranges are more suitable for mastering swing techniques because golfers can see exactly how far their golf balls could travel, Kenny said. Golfing in domes does not provide an accurate depiction of how far a ball really travels, he said.

"A real golfer wants to see where the ball goes," he said. "A dome is 65 or 75 yards, so you don't really get a feel of where you're hitting."

Domes are smaller than outdoor facilities, Vik said, but golfers prefer domes when the weather outside is unfavorable. Golfers are also not restricted on the size of the club they can use at the dome, so they can hit golf balls as far as the dome allows, she said.

Buffalo Grove's dome is 70 yards deep, Vik said.

"You don't see it go as far as you would see it on the field," she said. "But our facility is very popular, especially when it snows."

At outside driving ranges, golfers have no limitations on how far they can hit the ball, said Louis Maiorano, assistant golf operations manager and instructor at Libertyville Sports Complex's Golf Learning Center.

"You can see the actual ball flight as far as you can hit it, so it's a real advantage for us," Maiorano said.

Group and individual lessons are available during the winter at the Libertyville Sports Complex, Golf Farm and Buffalo Grove Golf Dome. Ballybunion Golf Learning Center offers group lessons during the regular season, but only individual lessons during the winter.

Children benefit from short individual lessons during the winter off-season because they can grasp the game with fewer distractions, Kenny said.

"You don't want to over teach a child because they can't handle it," Kenny said. "(Individual lessons) are good for little kids to get them started."

But Kallish said winter might not be the best time for beginners to take up golfing because the girth of heavy coats makes learning techniques more difficult.

"When you start golfing you need to devote two or three days a week to it initially for at least a month or so and this time of the year is not really beneficial for that," he said.

The winter season is an opportune time for golf enthusiasts to prepare for the spring season, Kenny said.

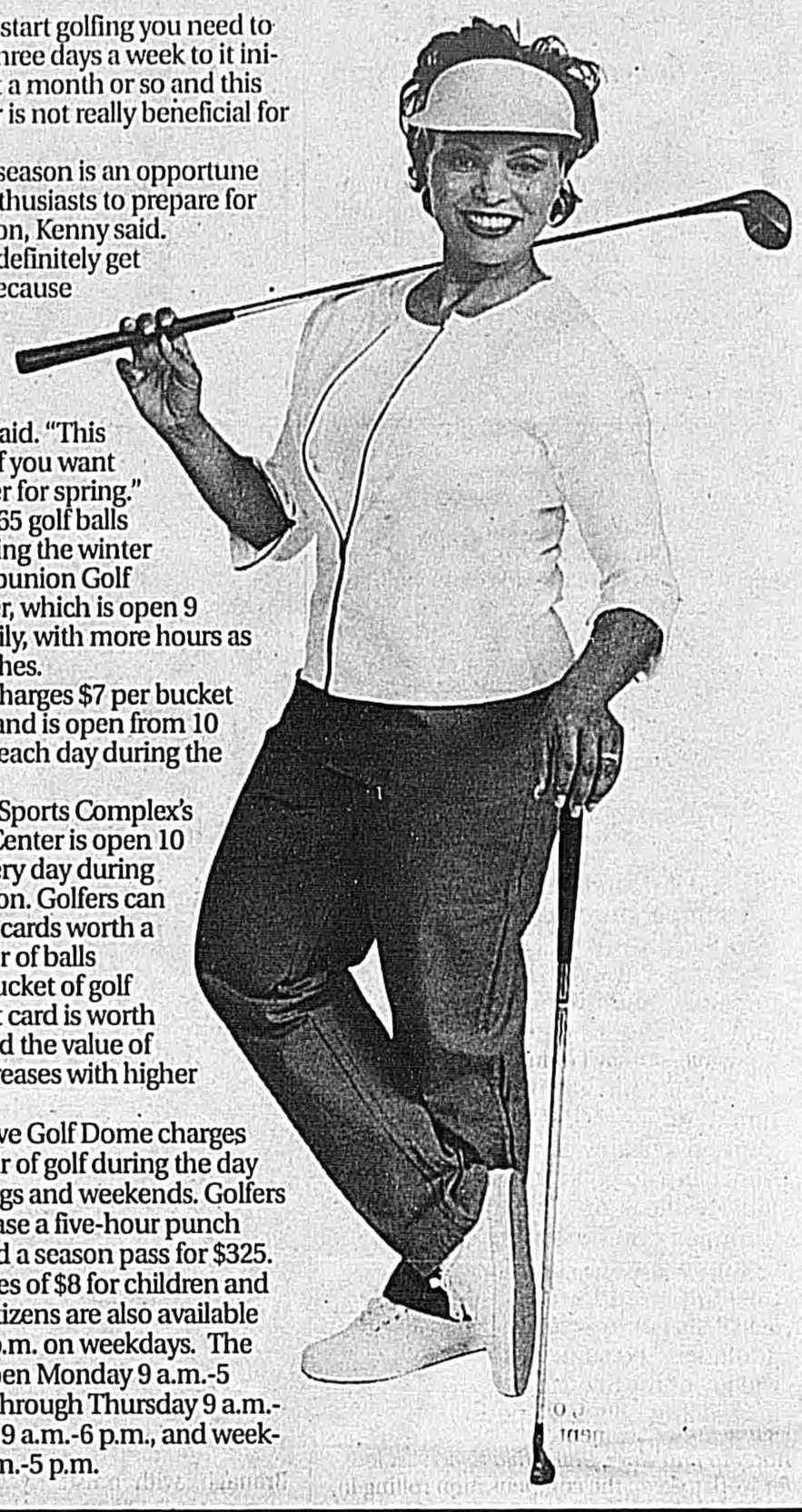
"Start now, definitely get set for spring because it takes awhile to learn changes in swings or learn the game," he said. "This is a good time if you want to get it together for spring."

A basket of 65 golf balls costs $7.50 during the winter season at Ballybunion Golf Learning Center, which is open 9 a.m.–6 p.m. daily, with more hours as spring approaches.

Golf Farm charges $7 per bucket of 65 golf balls and is open from 10 a.m. until dark each day during the off-season.

Libertyville Sports Complex's Golf Learning Center is open 10 a.m.–7 p.m. every day during the winter season. Golfers can purchase debit cards worth a specific number of balls rather than a bucket of golf balls. A $2 debit card is worth 20 golf balls, and the value of debit cards increases with higher costs.

Buffalo Grove Golf Dome charges $9 per half-hour of golf during the day and $10 evenings and weekends. Golfers can also purchase a five-hour punch card for $75 and a season pass for $325. Discounted rates of $8 for children and $8 for senior citizens are also available from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on weekdays. The golf dome is open Monday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and weekends from 7 a.m.-5 p.m.



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Looking for work can be a strange experience. And we've all been there. Unemployed. Down on our luck and wondering if we will ever get hired again.

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But things don't always go as planned.

In fact, strange things can occur while job hunting. For instance, many years ago, I drove to Munson Marine in Volo on a winter morning to apply for work.

Arriving, I skidded on some ice and smashed my car into the side of the building, damaging some bricks.



Jeff Zachary

FROM A TO ZACHARY

Not knowing what to do next, I walked inside for my interview.

Things were going well until the supervisor asked, "How's your driving record?" I replied, "It's good, but to be honest, I just crashed into the side of your building."

The man smiled and said, "I know, we have the police waiting outside."

Needless to say I didn't get the job.

Another time, my brother and I went to Allison Products in Mundelein.

While filling out applications, we got the giggles and couldn't stop laughing. I mean we laughed until we cried. When the manager called me to the back for an interview, I still couldn't stop.

And we all know how contagious the giggles can be. I swear, it was all the manager could do to keep from busting up himself.

Needless to say I didn't get that job either.

And to be honest, once, while I was collecting unemployment benefits, I was in no hurry to find work. Still, I had to at least look for work to keep the compensation rolling in.

So I woke up one morning, didn't even shower, put on a T-shirt and a pair of old jeans and applied for a factory job for which I had no experience.

And wouldn't you know, the owner hired me on the spot, and I had to start working that very day.

But my all-time favorite job-hunting experience happened three years ago when I got laid off from Motorola.

On a one-in-a-million shot, I wrote and mailed a story to Lakeland Media about my son's soccer game, along with my resume.

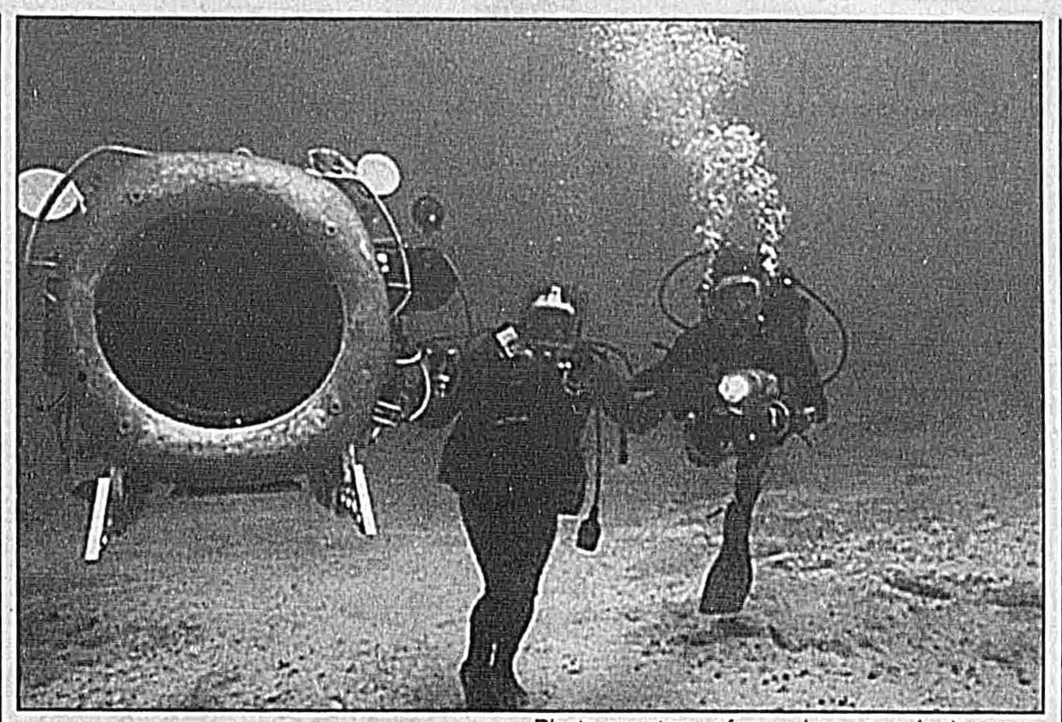
To my astonishment, the publisher called me in for an interview.

I told him I wanted to be a columnist (again, having no experience).

After telling me that I had to pay my dues by first becoming a reporter, he hired me. And now after three years, I've got my wish—my very own column.

I told you—looking for work can be a strange experience.

E-mail Jeff: jzachary@lakelandmedia.com



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Navy Pier IMAX Theater Prepares its Newest Adventure: Galapagos in 3-D

Movie Explores Life and Natural Selection

The Navy Pier IMAX Theatre is excited to announce the Jan. 16 opening of its newest film, "Galapagos," an IMAX® 3-D Experience. Plunge deep into the largely unexplored waters surrounding this famous volcanic archipelago. Join marine biologist Carole Baldwin as she explores some of nature's best-kept secrets. This gripping expedition takes viewers on a journey through the exotic land along the equator west of Ecuador and to the depths of the Pacific Ocean, capturing images rarely seen by outsiders on the six-story IMAX screen.

"Galapagos" is the first co-production of an IMAX 3-D film by the National Museum of Natural History and IMAX Ltd. The 40-minute long film is narrated by Academy Award-nominated actor/director Kenneth Branagh, with music by Grammy Award-winner Mark Isham.

The film follows Smithsonian Institution marine biologist Dr. Carole Baldwin on her first undersea/on-land expedition to Ecuador's Galapagos Islands, a group of 19 islands and 42 islets located on the equator 600 miles west of the Ecuadorian mainland.

"'Galapagos' brings the excitement of a Smithsonian research expedition to the large format screen, utilizing the realism of IMAX 3D immersion technology," said Robert Fri, director of the National Museum of Natural History. "For the first time ever, theatre goers will share the experience of traveling with a Smithsonian scientific team to a field site in the exotic Galapagos Islands."

David Clark, a two-time Emmy-winner, directed the on-land sequences, an effort made difficult by the lack of roads and electricity—which meant that the 240-pound IMAX 3-D camera, giraffe camera crane, and 1,700 pounds of lead ballast (in 45 pound ingots) had to be hand-carried across the rugged terrain.

"The 3-D medium demands a level of control almost impossible to achieve in a non studio setting; therefore, everything we did on the film was ground breaking and helped establish it as a benchmark film," noted Clark. "The sea lions, iguanas, boobies, giant tortoises and other fauna proved to be remarkably tame, allowing the camera to get well within the 15-foot range required for 3-D shots."

Using the only two IMAX 3-D cameras in the world, Galapagos was filmed over 14 weeks from June 10 through Aug. 7, 1998, and Feb. 10-March 21, 1999. Dr. Baldwin and her colleagues made various marine collections at more than 80 sampling sights and thus far have identified more than a dozen new species of marine life including scorpionfish, catshark, wrasse, anthiine bass, lizardfish, pencil urchin, sponge, and gastropod mollusk. The newly discovered species will be added to the Museum's 530,000-unit preserved fish collection, the largest in the world, with more than eight million specimens. Specimens will also be added to other National Museum of Natural History collections; the collections of the Charles Darwin Research Station, Parque Nacional Galapagos; the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco; and the Instituto Oceanografica de la Armada del Ecuador, Guayaquil.

Information about Galapagos is available on line at www.imax.com/galapagos.

"Galapagos" runs from Jan. 16 - April 29 at the Navy Pier IMAX Theatre, 700 E. Grand Ave. on Navy Pier. Tickets are $10 for adults, $9 for seniors and $8 for children. For showtimes, call the Navy Pier IMAX Theatre 312-595-5MAX (5629) or visit www.imax.com/chicago. Tickets can be purchased in advance via the Web site or by phone.

A case of 'Cold Feats'

Sliding bottom-first down my snow-slick driveway certainly makes me empathize with the poor skier who'll always be remembered as the cart wheeling body who capped off that classic sports intro, "The thrill of victory—the agony of defeat."

But if all this white stuff makes you pine for the next Winter Olympics, try "warming up" for Norge Ski Club's 99th Ski Jumping Tournament on Sunday, Jan. 18 in Fox River Grove.

You're sure to forget about your own cold feet watching more than 40 brave competitors break in the club's new 70-meter ski jump.

Norge is looking forward to an exciting competition Jan. 18. Among the participants will be "several potential contenders for the U.S. Ski Team," according to Mary Jo Schauer, corresponding secretary.

This tournament is an important first step to the Winter Olympics for these contenders—providing most of the funds to send young jumpers to the Junior Olympics.



Leslie Glazier-Werner

LES ON LIFE

And the club's prospects already look especially good this year. Coach Scott Smith just returned from seeing one of his students, Kyle Kessler, take second place in the country at the New Year's Masters Ski Jump in Lake Placid, New York.

So it's worth bundling up to attend this tournament at 100 Ski Hill Drive off Northwest Highway in Fox River Grove. Rain or shine, real or artificial snow, competition will take place between noon-5 p.m. Jan. 18. Tickets cost $10 at the gate, or can be bought for $7 prior to the tournament at several Fox River Grove merchants, as well as Erehwon in Deer Park.

Just remember, ski jumping is not for lightweights, as I discovered when I attended the tournament last year. It's the domain of well-trained, limber athletes with good health plans and fans suited up ready to party like it's the second Ice Age.

Yep, spectators here sport wear some serious protective gear: snowmobile suits, sturdy helmets capped off with horns, hey, even full Viking regalia down to the fur-lined boots.

So much for the peanut gallery.

The ski jumpers themselves hit the runway in skin-tight neoprene suits that could easily take them from a busy day hurling themselves off the club's "Suicide Hill" to a magical evening being shot out of a cannon.

Lucky for me, they sell plenty of hot refreshments at the tournament and hand-warmers for the unprepared. Along with brats, hot dogs, and hot chocolate or cider, adults can also kill off any wayward viruses with an assortment of alcoholic beverages.

Norge's new ski jump is now a visible part of the Fox River Grove skyline along the Northwest Highway. So, on Jan. 18, it might look like the local Dominick's is shooting produce pilferers off a giant banana peel on the back loading dock. But don't stop traffic, because the real action can only be had for the price of tournament admission.

And don't forget to look for me—I'll be the one wearing a Viking helmet.

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Red beans with Pancetta recipe offers a regional flavor of Venice



Tom Witom

COOKING BY THE BOOK

"Veneto" (Chronicle, 2003) by Julia della Croce, carries the subtitle "Authentic Recipes from Venice and the Italian Northeast" and captures in words and pictures the rich culinary traditions of Venice and its environs.

Something to look forward to is April, 2004 when the author's third regional cookbook, "Rome," is scheduled for publication.

Della Croce looks at wines and cheeses from the area and provides recipes for appetizers, fish and meat dishes, vegetable courses and sweets that can be duplicated here in the United States by cooks hankering for a taste of Italy.

Red Beans with Pancetta, Cloves, Rosemary and Wine is a commendable dish, robust with flavor. The full recipe (as printed below) serves six to eight, but the recipe can be successfully cut .

Red beans with Pancetta, Cloves, Rosemary and wine in style of Venice

6 cups undrained cooked Lamon (or canned kidney or cranberry beans)
2 Tbl. unsalted butter
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 bay leaves
8 whole cloves
2 oz. lean pancetta or 1 oz. salt pork, chopped
1 onion, finely chopped
1 large carrot, peeled and finely chopped
1 large celery stalk, including leaves, finely chopped
2 small hot red chilies
2 fresh rosemary sprigs, each 4 to 6 inches long, or 1 tsp. crumbled dried rosemary
2 fresh or canned plum tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped (optional)
1/2 cup dry white wine
Basic polenta



Strain the home-cooked or canned beans and reserve the liquid. In an ample skillet, warm the butter and the olive oil over medium-low heat. Add the bay leaves, cloves, pancetta, onion, carrot, celery, chilies (we used a single jalapeno) and rosemary and sauté until the vegetables are softened, 12 to 15 minutes.

Add the tomatoes, if using them, and stir to combine. Stir in the beans and a cup or more of their liquid. Simmer the beans very gently over low heat until an aromatic, creamy liquid results, 20 to 30 minutes. If the beans are not almost soupy with abundant liquid, add more of the bean liquid from the beans and continue to simmer until the desired consistency is achieved. Stir in the wine and salt and simmer for another 5 minutes to evaporate the alcohol and blend the flavors.

If you have used fresh rosemary sprigs, fish them out and discard. Serve the beans alongside hot, loose polenta.

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Q: What is the difference between table salt, sea salt and kosher salt?

A: Salt, according to Michele Ann Jordan in "Salt & Pepper: 135 Perfectly Seasoned Recipes" ($25, Broadway Books, 1999), is a simple chemical made when sodium and chlorine bond to become sodium chloride.

Salt comes from one of two places — salt mines or the sea. Most of today's salt is mined from large deposits left behind as salt lakes around the world dried up. It is less expensive to harvest than sea salt.

Table salt is a fine-grained salt with additives that keep it flowing freely. It is mainly used during cooking and as a condiment. Most table salt sold in this country is sodium chloride with iodine, commonly added since the 1920s to prevent thyroid goiters, which were epidemic in some regions, particularly where people ate little or no seafood.

Sea salt is naturally made by evaporating sea water and comes in both coarse- and fine-grained crystals.

Kosher salt is a coarse-grained salt that has no additives. It is sometimes used in the preparation of traditional Jewish meals to season meat. Many cooks prefer it for its texture and flavor.

Although many varieties of salt are available in grocery stores and specialty markets today, go to www.saltworks.us/index.asp to compare several at one spot.

Louis Mahoney

Toddler

Open House

The Grayslake Cooperative Nursery School's registration dates have been set for the 2004-2005 school year. On Tuesday, Jan. 27, the school will host an open house from 9:30-11 a.m. This will be an opportunity for prospective families to come and visit the preschool during school hours. All are welcome.

On Saturday, Jan. 31, the school will hold public Registration for the upcoming school year. registration begins at 9 a.m. and the school will again be using a lottery system to fill classes.

There will be an "Early Threes" class for children who are 2-3 years and are potty trained. The class will meet Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

The Grayslake Cooperative Nursery School serves all surrounding communities with a hands-on, age appropriate program for children ages 2-5.

The school is located at 607 West Belvidere Road, Grayslake, inside the Lord of Glory Lutheran Church. You can visit on the Web at www.GCNS.net or, for other registration information, call Lisa at 847-548-5329.

Garden

Learn about leggiest lilies

The Wisconsin-Illinois Lily Society hosts guest speaker Catherine Van der Salm of Vancouver , Wash., who will present a free public slide show and lecture on "How to Grow Orienpet Lilies-the Sequolas of the Lily World" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.

Those attending can order the latest types of these giant lilies at special low prices for later delivery this spring.

The January lecture is the first of four free monthly education slide show lectures about lilies sponsored by the society. Other slide lectures will take place at 2 p.m. on Feb. 22, March 21 and April 25.

Mrs. Van der Salm was a member of the team pioneering the difficult cross-hybridization of Trumpet and Oriental lilies to produce Orienpets, which grow up to eight feet tall and bloom in late summer. She is employed by Van der Salm Bulbfarm Inc., one of the nation's best wholesale lily suppliers and The Lily Garden, a leading retail lily nursery specializing in unique garden lilies.

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On Stage

Theater

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Returning by popular demand, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be performed by its original cast for one weekend only on Saturday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. This exciting theatrical production by the Hemmens Cultural Center, 150 Dexter Court, Elgin, debuted last summer to rave reviews and standing ovations. Call the CCT box office for tickets at 847-516-2298. Tickets are $18 for adults; $15 for seniors (55+), students and returning patrons; or $10 for ages 2-12. Groups of 15 individuals or more are $15 each.

The cast is made up of 53 performers ranging in age from 10-58. Joseph is played by Corey Keane of Woodstock. The narrator is Martine Hunter, a voice teacher from Elgin. The production is accompanied by a group of professional musicians led by Brian Henrickson of Lake in the Hills.

More information about this production can be obtained from the CYT/CCT office by calling Justin Parks at 847-516-2298.

Musical

Fairy tales do come true

Christian Youth Theater presents "Sleeping Beauty," a musical performance by children, for children Jan. 22-31.

The classic story of a young princess raised by three fairies in order to save her from a curse is beautifully presented by students ages 8-18. The many highlights of the production include colorful and humorous characters, fabulous costumes and a fire-breathing dragon. School day performances are available for field trips and matinees and evening performances are offered for the general public.

Performances will take place at the Prairie Lakes Community Center, 515 East Thacker in Des Plaines. Show dates and times are as follows: Thursday, Jan. 22, at 9:30 and 11:45 a.m.; Friday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 24, at 2 and 6 p.m.; Sunday, Jan 25 at 2 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 9:30 and 11:45 a.m.; Friday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 31, at 2 and 6 p.m.

Ticket prices are $10 for adults; $8 for ages 2-12; $7 for seniors age 55 and over or $7 each for groups of 15 or more. School day group prices are $5 each with one free per 15 paid. The 2 p.m. show on Jan. 24 is Family Day and all seats will be $7. For tickets, call the box office at 847-516-2298.

For more information, call the number above, or visit the Web site at www.cytchicago.org.

The beat goes on in fun-filled 'Hairspray' at the Oriental Theatre in Chicago



Bruce Vilanch as Edna and Carly Gibson as daughter Tracy (forefront, left to right) in one of many colorful scenes in "Hairspray" at the Oriental Theatre in Chicago.

CRITIC'S CHOICE / Play—"Hairspray"
By Tom Witom

A spirited, happy musical, "Hairspray," based on John Waters' 1988 film, takes you back to the early 1960s – a time of big hair, rock 'n' roll and social change. And it's captured nicely in the production now stopping in Chicago at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts/Oriental Theater. Jack O'Brien directs.

The musical draws from a book by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan, snappy music by Marc Shaiman and lyrics by Shaiman and Scott Wittman. Jim Vukovich serves as musical director.

The main character is Tracy Turnblad (played by dynamic Carly Jibson), an outgoing high school girl with a passion for dance whose big dream is to join the gang that dances regularly on a locally broadcast Baltimore television show. Because she's short, squat and outspoken, Tracy finds herself snubbed by some of the other students, especially Amber Von Tussle (Jordan Ballard), who has an overrated opinion of herself.

But talented Tracy overcomes the odds to realize her "impossible" dream, not only ending up on the show but also winning the heart of Link Larkin (Austin Miller), a handsome heartthrob who recognizes Tracy's inner beauty.

Also in Tracy's corner is a supportive mother Edna (played with campy gusto by the plus-sized Bruce Vilanch) and an eccentric father (Todd Susman).

The dialogue is witty. "You want to be famous? Learn how to get blood out of car upholstery," Edna advises Tracy. And a blackboard in the detention room is filled with the line "I will not talk in speech class ..." But a topical reference to former Illinois governor Ryan's recent legal woes is not only anachronistic, it's not very amusing.

Meanwhile, costuming (including the outlandishly big hairdos of the time), sets, singing and choreography are enchanting.

"Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now," "Welcome to the '60s" and "You Can't Stop the Beat" capture the Motown period.

Because of her firsthand experience with rejection, Tracy becomes a strong advocate of the black teens she has befriended from her school. Her efforts to integrate the previously all-white Corny Collins Show hit some snags along the way, but she knows her cause is just and her protest effort succeeds.

Other solid performances come from Charlotte Crossley as producer of the show for black dancers, Chester Gregory II as her son Seaweed, Sandra Denise as Tracy's best friend, and Susan Cella as Amber's self-possessed mother.

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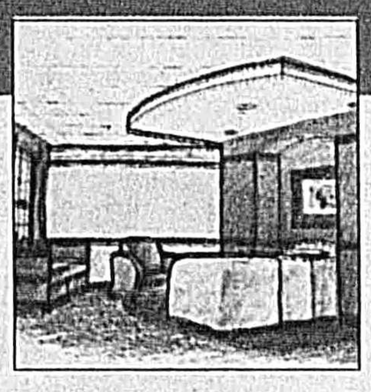
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1 = Someone should be fired for making this movie

NEW RELEASES

These films are currently playing at local theaters. More reviews of these and other films can be found under Current Movie Reviews at www.reelmoviecritic.com.

still playing

Monster (R): Based upon the true story of female serial killer Aileen Wuornos, Charlize Theron turns in an amazing acting performance. Christina Ricci plays her lover. Much of the film has the feel of a documentary. Look for Theron to join Naomi Watts ("21 Grams") on the short list for best actress.

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Theron immerses herself into the role of Wuornos, a prostitute who was executed in 2002 for killing seven men in Florida during the 1980s. Shedding her glamorous roles in pictures such as "The Italian Job," "Reindeer Games" and "Sweet November," the 28-year-old native South African, who once danced with the Joffrey Ballet, is barely recognizable. She packed on 30 pounds to not only look like Wuornos, but to "walk the talk" that characterized her as well. Theron has the swagger of the highway prostitute she portrays right down to the minor ticks and idiosyncratic speech patterns, along with eye and hand movements. This gritty story of society's underbelly is not for everyone, but if you consider yourself a film buff, it's a must see movie.

21 Grams (R)	5
Girl with a Pearl Earring (PG-13)	5
Mystic River (R)	5
Cold Mountain (R)	4.5
Something's Gotta Give (PG-13)	4.5
Stuck on You (PG-13)	4.5
Big Fish (PG-13)	4
The Company (PG-13)	4
Cheaper by the Dozen (PG)	3.5

opening this week

Along Came Polly (PG-13): Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston make an unlikely couple; he analyzes risks for a living and she's a free spirit. They meet when he's on the rebound after he catches his wife in bed with another man on their honeymoon. This looks to be a funny one.



Teacher's Pet (PG): In this 75-minute Walt Disney animated film for the little ones, Spot is a dog who can speak and read. He poses as a human and sneaks into school, which starts plenty of fun adventures featuring Nathan Lane.

Tokyo Godfathers (PG-13): Playing for one week at The Music Box in Chicago, this film delivers powerful insight about the homeless. It does so from their perspective, often with biting humor.

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Torque (PG-13): Biker wars break out after Martin Henderson ("The Ring") is framed for murder. Also stars Ice Cube, Monet Mazur, and Jay Hernandez.

Politics trumps law and justice every time

It's 1992, and Pierre Brossard (Michael Caine) is on the run from Nazi hunter Anne Marie Livi (Tilda Swinton) for murders he committed during WWII. Brossard is also being hunted by an underground group of assassins, whose signature is to leave a "statement of execution" on the body of former Nazis they find. After he outsmarts two would-be executioners, facts come to light that indicate a third force may be in play to stop Brossard from breathing.

Director Norman Jewison ("The Hurricane") has a strong story on which to base this film. The Brossard character is based upon Paul Touvier, who ordered the execution of seven Jewish hostages in June 1944, which became known as the Dombey Massacre. Jewison's challenge is to make you care about, not like, a main character who is most unsympathetic. For crimes he committed, and for him to continue to be free after almost 50 years, you feel that only a street style execution rather than a trial and prison is merited. Regardless of how you feel about the US move into Iraq, the movie makes you wonder whether Saddam Hussein deserves the attention a trial would allow or if he should have been shot in that hole he was calling "home." It's certainly a debatable issue.

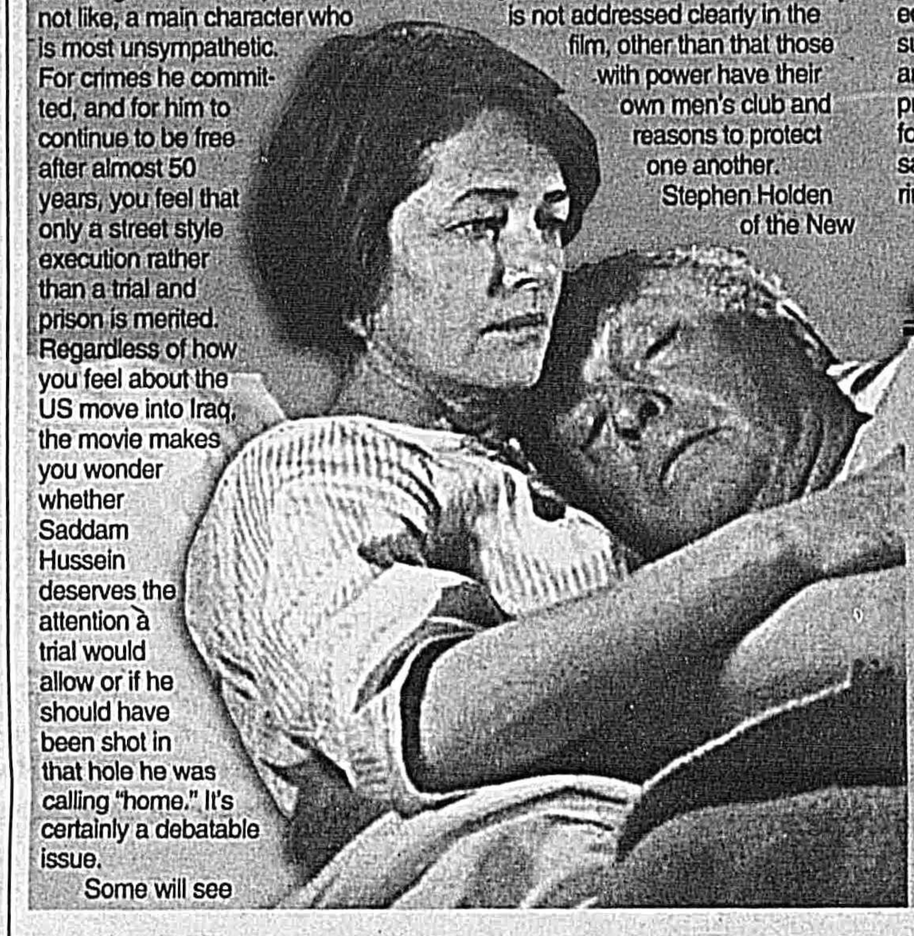
Some will see this film as anti-Catholic, while others will view it as a starting point for more open discussion on bringing new facts to light so we can better understand our past as well as how government and church decisions are being made today. "The Magdalene Sisters" also addresses the morality and politics of the Catholic Church. It speaks to young women being enslaved (in a Catholic-run facility) for being "raped" or simply "too pretty" or various other perceived sexual sins. Like the film "Amen," "The Statement" addresses the support given to the Nazis by the Catholic Church during and after WWII.

Written by Ronald Harwood ("The Pianist") and based on the best selling novel by Brian Moore, this entertaining thriller should have been more informative. The question of "why" the church provided sanctuary is not addressed clearly in the film, other than that those with power have their own men's club and reasons to protect one another.

Stephen Holden of the New York Times writes, "The Roman Catholic Church viewed Communism as a much greater threat than Hitler." That would explain why some conservative priests provided support to Nazis during the war and were motivated to maintain the secretiveness of their actions afterwards.

Touvier (Caine's character, Brossard) was provided with money, false ID's and shelter in several monasteries prior to his pardon in 1971 by French President Georges Pompidou. Because the executions were deemed crimes against humanity, he remained on the run until 1989, when he was captured.

Touvier's fate in reality is somewhat different than Brossard's in the film. More than how, where and when he died, the movie focuses on Brossard's desire for absolution for his sins. That might be how we wanted him to feel. Personally, we think such a person would more likely do anything to avoid capture and pay the price for prior sins rather than ask for forgiveness. The ending of the film is satisfying, but it somehow does not ring as true as history might dictate or that we would like.



3.5

The Statement

Review by George & Pam Singleton at info@reelmoviecritic.com

Cast

Michael Caine *Pierre Brossard*
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Ophelia, a dark comedy by Bryony Lavery, spins from the story of "Hamlet" into a world both familiar and magical. A world that exists inside the bowels of Elsinore filled with damp dungeons, surreptitious servants, haunted battlements, and wronged women. In this world, we see the forgotten secrets, desires, and choices that impel the ultimate consequences of that better-known world in "Hamlet," the world that is recorded by history.

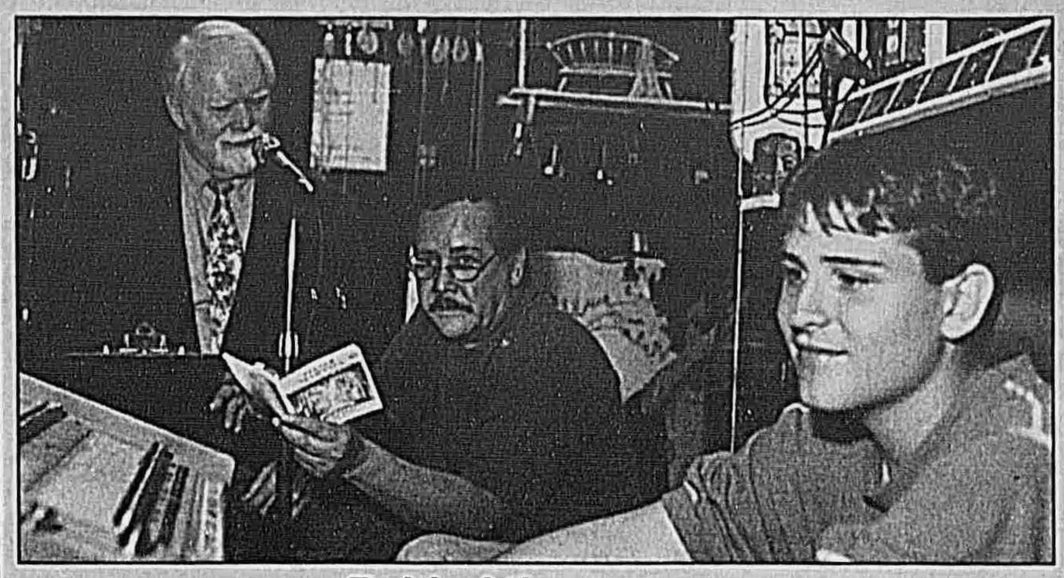
Playwright Bryony Lavery, while less-known in the United States, is a prolific and longstanding member of the London theater community. She has written or adapted more than 30 plays, radio plays and screenplays and several books. Always pushing the boundaries of mainstream theatre, Lavery has been involved in women's theater movements in London since she began her career in the early 1970s. She collaborated with Caryl Churchill on "Floorshow" for Monstrous Regiment in 1977 and produced plays with Gay Sweatshop and Female Trouble, where she served as artistic director. The multi talented Lavery has also been a writer of children's theatre, a performer and playwriting instructor.

Ophelia runs through Jan. 31 at the Boxer Rebellion Theatre, 1257 W. Loyola, Chicago. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. There will be a benefit performance on Friday, Jan. 16.

Tickets for Ophelia are $15, $12 with student I.D. and $25 for the benefit performance.

Tickets may be reserved via phone at 773-856-5318 or purchased at the theatre on the night of the show. For additional information, call the ticket hotline or visit www.camenaetheatre.org.

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Behind the scenes

Prominent actor Tony Mockus (at the microphone) of Evanston discusses narration with Master Puppeteer Paul Guerra of Park Ridge. Mark Boudreau of Palatine operates the recording console backstage at William B. Fossers' puppet production, "Opera In Focus." "Opera In Focus" is performed every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. at 3000 Central Road in Rolling Meadows. Reservations are required. Call 847-818-3220.



Great performances

Pictured following one of the Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble's "Nutcracker" performances are, back row from left, Stephanie and Bob Skopek and Jane Zimmer. Front, from left, Alexandra and Jessica Skopek and Lucy Zimmer. The Skopeks are from Barrington and the Zimmers are from Wauconda.

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Daytime business classes to be offered at Lakeshore

Two daytime business classes will be offered at the College of Lake County's Lakeshore Campus in Waukegan to help students gain solid job skills. Both three-credit-hour courses can be applied toward a degree or certificate in CLC's Administrative Office Systems program.

The two courses will be offered Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Jan. 21. Business Math (AOS 122 101) will be offered from 9-10:15 a.m., followed by Business Communications (AOS 111 101) from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Registration for spring classes is now underway. Those who have completed CLC's admissions process may register by phone at 847-223-1111 or online at www.clcillinois.edu/selfserv.htm.

To apply for admission, call 847-543-2061 or log on to www.clcillinois.edu/applic.htm.

For more information on courses, contact the business division at 847-543-2041.

ESL career classes to be offered for Hispanic students

The College of Lake County will offer three classes this spring for Spanish-speaking students wishing to gain skills for jobs in automotive technology, horticulture and office environments. Classes will be conducted in English; however students will receive assistance through an English as a Second Language class.

The following classes will be offered on the Grayslake Campus:

General Automotive (AUT 170) will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-6:50 p.m., from Jan. 21-May 12. Students enrolled in the class will also attend an ESL-support class from 4-4:50 p.m. on the same days.

Shrub Identification (HRT 113) will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m., followed by an ESL-support class from 7:15-8:05 p.m. from Jan. 21-April 8. Students will learn to identify more than 100 shrubs and small trees.

Automated Office Technologies (AOS 112) will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-1:45 p.m. followed by an ESL-support class from 2-2:50 p.m. from Jan. 20-May 13.

For more information and to speak with a Spanish-speaking representative, contact Lilliana Ware at 847-543-2589.

CLC exhibit to showcase artist members

An exhibit of the works of more than 90 Lake County artists of the College of Lake County's Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art will open with a public reception from 7-9 p.m. on Jan. 16. The exhibit will continue through Feb. 22.

Works on view will represent a wide variety of styles and media, including painting, sculpture, woodwork and photography.The gallery hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. The gallery will be closed Jan. 17-19.

For information, call 847-543-2240.

New english course to be offered for ESL teachers

The College of Lake County will offer a new course, The English Language Learner (ENG 268),this spring for K-12 teachers or prospective teachers interested in teaching ESL.

Two sections of this state-required course will be offered; one section (ENG 268-600, class code 3907) will meet from 4:30-6:45 p.m. on Mondays, and another section (ENG 268-601, class code 3908) will meet from 7-9:15 p.m. beginning Jan. 20. Both are Internet-enhanced courses, taught partially online and partially on campus.

For more information about the courses, call 847-543-2565. To register by phone (after completing CLC's admissions process), call 847-223-1111. To register online, log on to www.clcillinois.edu/selfserv.htm.

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Public invited to Susan Glaspell's, AAUW's presentation of 'Trifles'

The public is invited to enjoy Susan Glaspell's drama "Trifles," produced by the American Association of University Women mid-Lake County branch (AAUW) on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 9:30 a.m, at the White Deer Run Golf Club, 250 West Gregg's Parkway, Vernon Hills.

Everyone loves a mystery. In the play, a farmer has been found strangled in his bed. His wife, the prime suspect, is in jail. While the sheriff and his assistants search the lonely farmhouse for clues, their wives find the small trifles that tell the story. AAUW members participating in this readers' theater are Jill Dayton, Jane George, Laurietta.Parsh, Sue Penzotti, Peg Ransom, and Jean Hastings, who is also the production's director. A discussion about the different ways that men and women approach this mystery will follow the dramatic reading.

A full breakfast buffet of juice, fruit, breads, scrambled eggs, French toast, hash browns, bacon, sausage and beverage is available to attendees at a cost of $18. Breakfast reservations may be made by calling 847-362-1498.

Promoting education and equity for women and girls, American Association of University Women members hold baccalaureate or higher degrees from regionally accredited colleges and universities.



AAUW members Jane George (left) and Jean Hastings star in the murder mystery "Trifles."

Enjoy a world of winter fun on Valentine's Day

Warmed by a pancake breakfast at 9 a.m., families attending Winterfest 2004 will be fortified against the cold for outdoor fun Saturday, Feb. 14.

Downtown Grayslake will take on a carnival atmosphere for its third annual salute to winter.

A horse-drawn wagon will transport children and adults alike to events being staged up and down Center Street where the welcome mat will be out for visitors from all over.

Outstanding ice carvers from a number of northern Midwest cities will begin carving at 9 a.m. and continue through the day.

This year's event, Lake County's only winter carnival of the season, will introduce Grayslake's new outdoor ice skating rink, which will be the site for exhibition figure skating, a curling demonstration and introduction of the Grayslake Fire Dept. ice hockey team.

Featured this year will be wood artistry by Mike Bock. Among the prizes to be given away are one of Bock's carvings and a family ski weekend at Granite Peak in Wausau, Wis.

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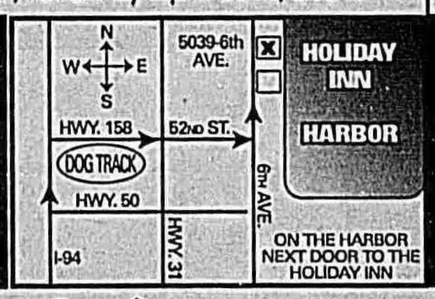
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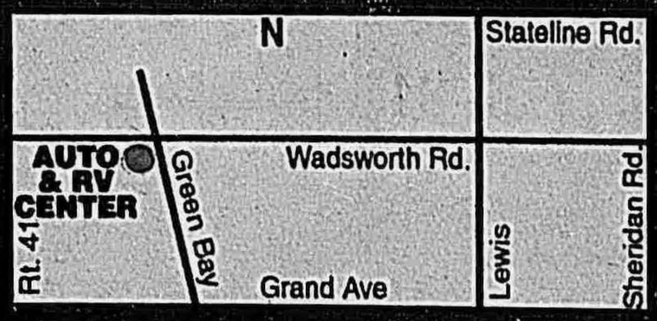


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LOCAL DIGEST

Republican club hosts theater night

The Antioch Township Republican Club is hosting a night at the theater featuring "On Golden Pond" at the PM&L Theatre on Jan. 31 at 7 p.m.

The evening will include food and wine in addition to entertainment and is limited to 140 tickets.

Sponsorship and ticket information is as follows: golden sponsorship at $250 includes playbill recognition and four tickets; silver sponsorship at $100 includes playbill recognition and two tickets; bronze sponsorship at $50 includes playbill recognition. Ticket price is $25 each.

Please send sponsorship information along with a check made payable to the Antioch Township Republican Club by Jan. 15 to: Linda Mueller, 26615 W. Stonegate, Antioch, IL 60002.

All tickets must be prepaid by Jan. 20. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

For more information call Mueller at 847-838-2001.

Fire Department needs help keeping hydrants clear

Everyone in the community from residents and business owners to snow removal crews can help the Antioch Fire Department by clearing snow away from fire hydrants and keeping a four-foot area around them clear.

"The recent snowfall was the first of the season and the fire department wants to remind everyone that snow-covered hydrants, blocked access routes and covered address markings will slow down the department's response and its ability to provide the necessary emergency service," said Lt. Chris Lienhardt, information officer with the Antioch Fire Department.

He advises that, when possible, sidewalks, driveways and entrances to both residences and businesses should be kept clear. Snow removal companies are asked to avoid moving snow to the aforementioned areas, as that creates the hazards that the Antioch Fire Department is trying to avoid.

If fire hydrants are not marked, or if the marker has been removed, call the fire department at 847-395-5511 so the problem can be remedied.

Village announces regular meeting schedule

An annual schedule of meetings for the board of directors of the village of Antioch has been determined and announced for 2004.

As in years past, meeting have been scheduled for the first and third Mondays of each month. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. in the boardroom of Village Hall, located at 874 Main St.

Only one meeting is scheduled for the months of July and August and will be held on the third Monday, July 19 and Aug. 16, respectively.

Meetings that would typically fall during a Monday holiday have been moved to Tuesday. Tuesday meetings are as follows: Jan. 20, Feb. 17 and Sept. 7.

The complete meeting schedule for 2004 is Jan. 5 and 20, Feb. 2 and 17, March 1 and 15, April 5 and 19, May 3 and 17, June 7 and 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 7 and 20, Oct. 4 and 18, Nov. 1 and 15 and Dec. 6 and 20.

Sub-committee meetings of the board are scheduled as needed and posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Regular meetings can be cancelled or continued as required.

Garden club hosts regular meetings through June

Antioch Garden Club meets the first Monday of the month, September through June at 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church at 848 Main Street, Antioch.

Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information call (847) 395-1202.

VFW offers fish fry

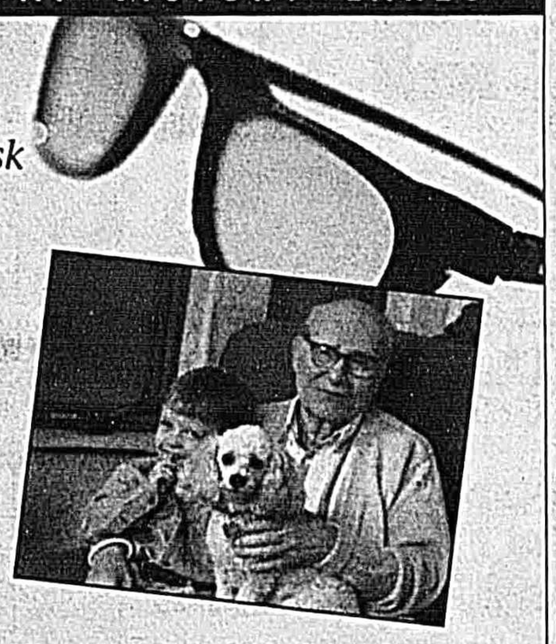
Antioch VFW Post 4551 has started having a fish fry on Friday nights from 4-8 p.m.

In addition to cod, perch and shrimp the menu offers burgers and chicken strips. Dinners are served with French fries or a baked potato, in a limited quantity, and coleslaw bread and butter.

Cost varies from about $3-8, depending on the fish or meat.

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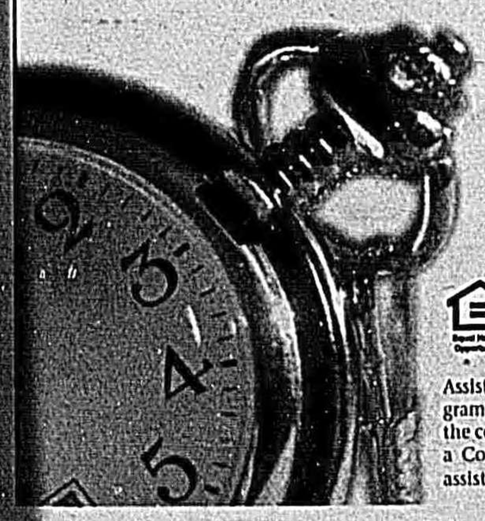
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NEIGHBORS



Name: Jade Young

Home: Lake Villa

My family/pets: I have my parents, one brother and one sister and two miniature schnauzers.

I attend/graduated from: I am in eighth grade at Antioch Upper Grade School.

What I like best about my town: I love Antioch's Main Street.

Hobbies: Dancing, sleeping, drawing and playing my guitar

Favorite movie: "Return of the King"

Favorite album/cd: "Fallen" by Evanescence

Favorite sports team: Utah Jazz

Best local restaurant: Quizno's

Favorite home-cooked meal: Spaghetti

Person I admire most: My uncle Ryan

If I had $1 million, I would: Buy a house

If I had a plane ticket anywhere, I'd go to: New York

My pet peeve is: When people chew with their mouths open

If I had one wish, it would be: To be successful in whatever I do

My dream job would be: Reporter for the "New York Times"

My life's motto is: Live fast, die young (ha ha ha)

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Calendar

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Friday, January 16

7:30 a.m., Lake County Chamber of Commerce networkers group meets at the Hampton Inn in Gurnee. For info., call 847-249-3800

8:30-10 p.m., Lake County Astronomical Society meets at Volo Bog State Natural Area. Meeting is followed by a viewing period at 9:30 p.m. For info., call 815-344-1294

7-9 p.m., Support group for divorced or separated people. Child care provided at no cost. Held at Calvary Christian Center, 134 Monaville Rd. in Lake Villa. For details, call 847-356-6181

Saturday, January 17

8 a.m.-noon, Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship at Prince of Peace Parish located in Lake Villa, just south of Grand Ave. (Rt. 132) on Milwaukee Ave. on the east side

10 a.m., BigWill, a genealogical special interest group researching the British Isles, meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 6000 Broadway in Richmond. Call Peggy at 608-752-8816

11 a.m., Annual Luncheon of the Council of Catholic Nurses of Lake County held at St. Therese Medical Center, 2615 Washington St. in Waukegan. 11 a.m. Mass followed by luncheon. Members $15, or $20 for non-members. All nurses welcome. RSVP to Tita at 847-244-9525

1 p.m., The Lake County Doll Collectors meet at the Milbym Congregation Church on Hwy 45 and Grass Lake Rd. Call 847-623-2072

Sunday, January 18

7:30 p.m., Lake County Singles group meets at Dover Straits, on Rte. 45 in Mundelein. Cost is $7, free buffet, speed dating, music and more. For info., call the hotline at 847-604-1840

Monday, January 19

12:45 p.m., Bingo held at The Antioch Senior Center, call 847-395-7120 for details

7-9 p.m., Young Onset Parkinson's Support Group meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 502 Valley Park Dr. in Libertyville. Call Marlene at 847-367-1679 or Jan at 847-395-5502

7:30 p.m., Regular meeting of the Antioch Village Board held at village hall, 874 Main St.

7:30 p.m., Antioch Coin Club meeting held at the Antioch Public Library, 757 Main St. Open to the public. Contact JoAnne at 847-395-4738

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal at ACHS, call 847-395-6729 to learn more

Tuesday, January 20

6-8 p.m., Bariatric Treatment Centers (BTC) hosts a dance and exercise class downstairs at the Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. For more info., call Karen at 847-395-6244

6:45 p.m., Antioch VFW Bingo, doors open 4:30 p.m., call 847-395-5393 for details

7-8 p.m., Weigh to Win program held at Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd., west of Rte. 83 in Lake Villa. Call 356-6181 for info.

7:30 p.m., Chain O'Lakes Model A Ford Club meets at Lake Villa City Park, Fairfield and Grand Ave., in the lower level. Everyone is welcome

Wednesday, January 21

4-6 p.m., The Lake County Health Department will be at the Antioch VFW Post #4451, 75 North Ave. Immunizations of all types are avail. at a low cost. For more info., call 847-360-6761

6:30 p.m., TOPS Weight Loss weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck, info. at 847-395-6443 or 847-395-8143

7-8:30 p.m., A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis offers free support groups in Lake County for women who are victims of abuse. Meetings in Round Lake, call 847-249-4450

7-9 p.m., The Shutterbugs photography club meets at Volo Bog State Natural Area. Ages 16 to adult welcome. Meetings include workshops, guest speakers and competitions. For info., call 815-344-1294

7 p.m., Village of Antioch Park Board meets at the Municipal Bldg., 874 Main St. Call 395-1000 to confirm

7 p.m., Burlington Genealogical Society meets at the Public Library, corner of Pine and Jefferson St. Call Marion at 414-763-6981 or Merilyn at 414-728-2225

7:30 p.m., The Republican Club meets at Antioch Twp. Hall, 847-395-1670

7:30 p.m., The Northern Illinois Chapter of ABATE invites all on road and off road motorcycle riders in and around Lake and McHenry Counties to its monthly meeting held every third Wed. of the month at the Round Lake American Legion, Post 1170. Call, 847-223-9385 or visit online at www.abate-il.org/northern

Thursday, January 22

8-9 a.m., Network Lake County, a business networking group, meets, for location, call Boyce Buckner at 847-838-0058

6:30 p.m., The Lake County Investors Club meets at the Grayslake Library, 100 Library Lane. Open to all Lake County residents, new members welcome to attend. For info., or to register, call Susan at 847-223-4996

7:30 p.m., Lakes Region Historical Society meets at the museum, 817 Main St., Antioch, call Robert Lindblad, 847-395-0899 or Nancy Binder, 847-395-1453

7:30 p.m., Irish American Club meets at State Bank of the Lakes in Antioch, call 847-395-3942 to find out more about the group

Friday, January 23

Fri. & Sat. at 8 p.m., Sun. at 2:30 p.m., PM&L Theatre presents "On Golden Pond" at the theatre, 877 Main St. in Antioch. Tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for seniors and students. For info. or tickets, call 847-395-3055



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Daddy/daughter tickets available

For those who would like to take their sweethearts out for an evening of fun, the daddy/daughter dance is scheduled in February. Tickets will be on sale to residents from Jan. 5-18.

The dance is organized by the Antioch parks department, and has been for about 15 years. The event is to take place on Feb. 7 from 7-9 p.m., and is held at the Antioch Upper Grade School. The doors will not open until 6:45 p.m.

The cost is $10 per couple for residents and $5 for an additional daughter attending.

The price of admission includes ice cream sundaes, punch, a souvenir picture and corsages for the girls.

Tickets become available to non-residents on Jan. 19. The cost is $20 per couple, but the price for an additional daughter remains $5.

"This is really a fun dance," said Stahl. "Everyone has a good time."

Tickets will be available at the parks office located at 806 Holbek St. until all the tickets are sold. The phone number is 847-395-2160.

State Bank celebrates employee anniversaries

State Bank of The Lakes honored 18 employees and six directors who celebrated landmark service anniversaries during the past year.

Randy Miles, president and chairman of the board, recognized and presented them with anniversary pins at the company's annual holiday event. He said, "I want to thank everyone for your dedication to our company. Your dedication makes all the difference as we serve our customers and our communities."

Kenneth Wermeling and Helen Musolino have been employed with the bank for 25 years. Suzanne McNeany, Diedre Palmer, Karen Poepping, Robert Kaiser and Shirley Stewart have been with the bank for 15 years.

Those celebrating 10th anniversaries include: Kristine Barndollar, Timothy Perry and Suzette Winner. Erich Olsen, Charles Miles, Carol Cantrell, John Smith, Michael Dittmer, Vicky Debre, Cynthia Hughes and Mary Meyer celebrated fifth anniversaries.

Directors who celebrated service anniversaries are as follows: John Siegmeier, over 20 years; James Hamlin, Richard Gelden and John Thelen, over 15 years; Claude Smith, over 10 years; and William Churchill, over five years.

BIRTHS

Matthew Kenneth Bellinder, a son, was born Nov. 10 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Peter and Rhonda Bellinder of Antioch. His brother is Anthony, age 7. Grandparents are Marcia and Robert Orlando of Round Lake Beach and Marie and Ken Bellinder of Zion. Great-grandparents are Betty Vice of Fox Lake, Virgil Hale of Melrose Park, and Caroline Gerstenbrand of Evanston.

Piper Lee Meade, a daughter, was born Dec. 21 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Amber Adams and Gary Meade of Antioch. Her brother is Gauge Meade, age 20 months. Grandparents are Sharon and James Learn of Fox Lake, Nina and Gary Meade of Round Lake, and Rich and Blinda Adams of Round Lake.

PM&L prepares first 2004 production

PM&L Theatre's first show in 2004 is "On Golden Pond" by Ernest Thompson. The show opens on Jan. 23 and runs through Feb. 8.

"'On Golden Pond' was an immensely popular, warm-hearted comedy starring Katherine Hepburn, Henry Fonda and Jane Fonda," Publicity director Betty Smouse said.

Gigi Willding of Ingleside directs PM&L's production. Cast members include Tom Hausman of Antioch as Norman Thayer; Dianne Hosken of Lindenhurst as Ethel Thayer; Alice Byrne, of Pleasant Prairie Wis. as Chelsea Thayer Wayne; Bobby Anderson of Gurnee as Billy Ray; Jim Olson of Pleasant Prairie Wis. as Bill Ray; and Mark Badtke of Genoa City Wis. as Charlie Marten the postman.

Performances are held on Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Jan. 12 when the ticket box reopens. Tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for students and seniors. Box office hours are Monday through Thursday from 5:30-7:30 p.m., on Saturday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 90 minutes prior to curtain on show days.

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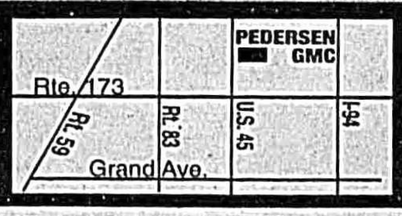


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Just a few of the many great players Lake County has produced over the last 20 or so years. All were four-year varsity players who cemented their mark in one way or another in the school and or county record books.

It's time to add another player to that list. Many of you fans are already familiar with her because Grayslake senior guard Kayla Ming showed signs of being a prolific scorer when she first set foot inside the Rams gym four years ago. Ming is one of those players you love having on your team but hate to play against.

"She's tenacious," said Rams head coach Mike Hirsch. "She's also very unselfish and a great leader. She's always quick to always praise her teammates."

Former Ram Dave Mendralla, who played from 1992-95, had held the school's all-time scoring mark with 1,652 points.

Until last week.

In a victory over Zion-Benton, it was Ming's steal and lay-up with just under six minutes left in the first frame and tied and broke Mendralla's old mark.

"It's exciting. If records were meant to be broken, I guess I'm glad I could be the one to do it. But I've been fortunate to have such great teammates to work with," Ming said.

With the 25-point effort in just under two quarters of action, Ming now has 1,677 points for her career.

"She's definitely one of the marquee athletes we've had here at Grayslake. She's also made her mark as one of the best in the county," said Athletic Director Troy Harper. "She's a hard-nose player and a very consistent player."

Ming, usually soft-spoken but just as confident in her communicative skills as well as hoops skills, is one of those special players that is always quick to credit those around her.

Having running mates like Rachael Manuel, Jessica Piasecki, Erica Faden and Bethany Russ in the starting five alongside of you makes it that much easier for Ming, if not her teammates, to put points on the board.

Ming's game has also benefited from playing with graduated post player Tiffany Lehner.

"She (Lehner) wasn't the tallest player but I learned a lot from her aggressiveness and how to get position inside," said Ming, who averages just over 22 points per contest.

When she's not driving to the basket, Ming calmly steps out for one of those beautiful rainbow jumpers.

She definitely has the all-around game. It's the mental game is what separates her from many others.

Campese making it look easy

By JOHN PHELPS
Lakeland Correspondent

The philosophy is pretty simple for Antioch wrestler Mike Campese.

"Set things up and shoot-I try and go for a lot of double-leg takedowns," said Campese, who tries to pattern himself after former University of Iowa standout Cael Sanderson. Sanderson, who graduated last year, is the only collegiate wrestler to go undefeated for a career.

As for Campese, once he gets you on the ground, chances are he not only will score plenty of points, it's promising that he's going to pin you.

Just look at the numbers for the two-time sectional qualifier.

He's currently 23-4 with titles at the Barrington and Glenbrook South tournaments and a third-place effort at the always-tough Stagg tournament. That sparkling record also includes 10 wins by way of pin fall, including his quickest pin being just 18 seconds against Lincoln Way East at the Stagg tournament.

Head coach Ron Hatfield says it's the tenacity and aggressiveness that has made his 215-pounder so successful.

"He's very good on his feet," said Hatfield, who is no stranger to the sport having previously coached the U.S. National Team as well as on the collegiate level.

"Mike's very determined and wins a lot of close matches, which shows me that his heart is definitely in it. He's very capable of qualifying for the State meet."

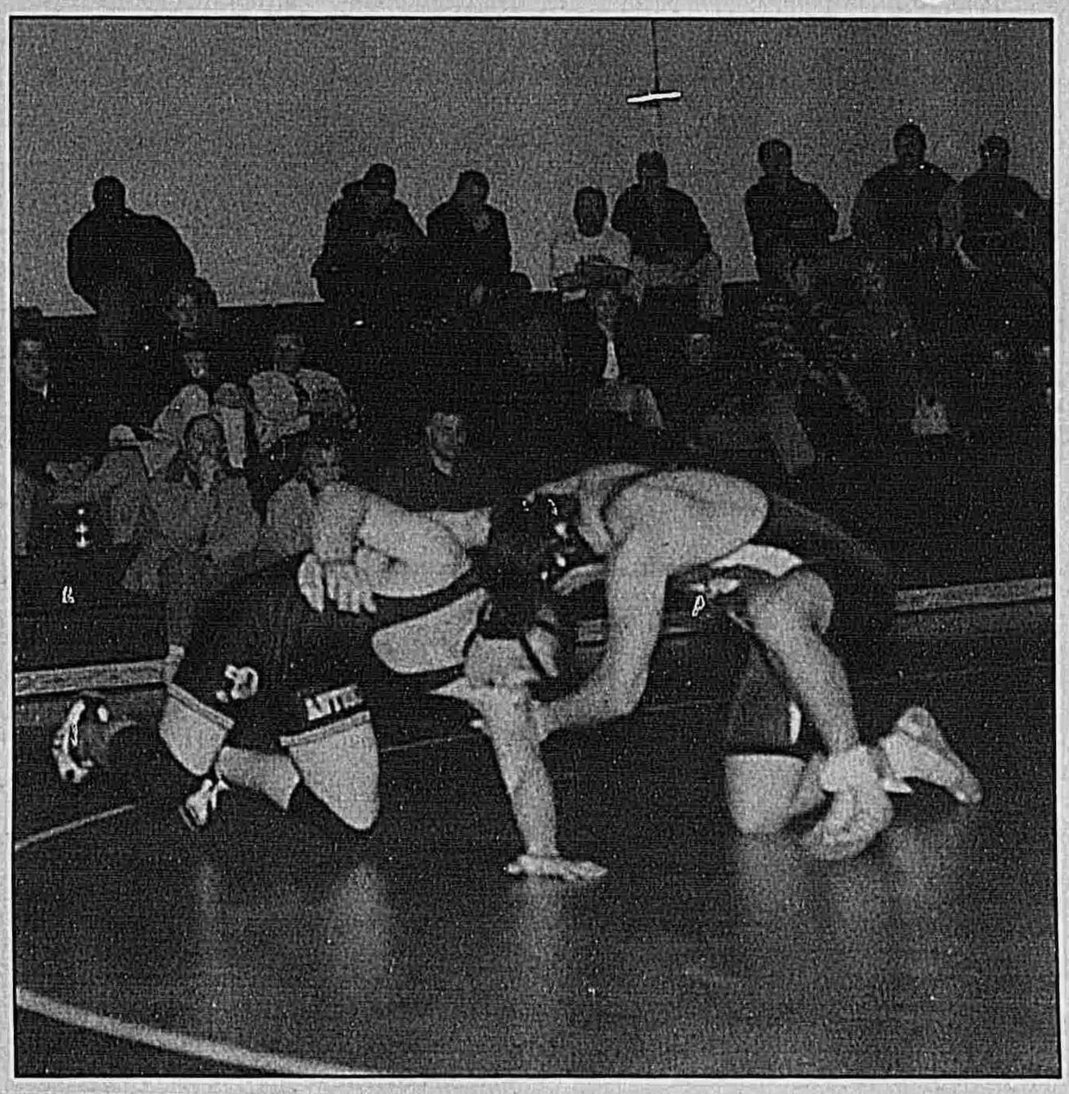
His first two years of high school he wrestled for Taft High School in Chicago. He qualified for sectionals by winning a regional title as a sophomore.

Campese then moved to Lindenhurst and has been at Antioch ever since. Last season as a junior, he won the Grayslake regional but lost in the first round of sectionals to Fremd's Robert Pananyi.

Chances are, he could possibly meet up with Pananyi again in sectional action in the short weeks to come.

"We had a good match last year (at sectionals)-he beat me though 10-6," said Campese. "I'd love to get another shot at him. For me, I'm a senior and this is my last chance. I want to get to the State meet."

Campese started wrestling in third-grade when he grappled with his good friend Pete Folan at junior camps. Folan, who also competes in the 215-pound weight class, is currently a senior at Notre Dame High School in Niles.



Antioch's Mike Campese (left) grapples with an opponent in a meet against Fremd on Jan. 6.—*Photo by Steve Young*

Campese could possibly meet up with his good buddy on the mat come the State finals in Champaign.

"That would be great," Campese said. "We wrestled each other quite a bit when we were younger, so we're very familiar with each others moves."

For now, though, Campese has business to tend to when Mundelein visits Antioch on Jan. 16 beginning at 6 p.m. Then, the Sequoits travel to the Sandburg Duals the following day. Matches start at 9 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 23 will mark Senior Night as Antioch takes on Zion-Benton.

Seniors being honored that night include: Campese, 135-pounder Kory Mueller (14-14), 140-pounder Jon Birdsall, 152-pounder Phil Sehmer (16-10), 160-pounder Taylor Pechauer (16-11), 171-pounder Kyle Stigler (9-10), and heavyweight Drew Swanson (13-8).

"We've been a little short on numbers but we have several great seniors who have a shot at sectionals and State," Campese said. "As for the younger wrestlers, I just tell them to wrestle your match and the rest will take care of itself."

A good formula for success. Look at the Campese resume if you have any doubts.

Grayslake's upset bid falls short

By STEVE PETERSON
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Libertyville's offense may not have been clicking as it had the night before, but the Wildcats hung on to down Grayslake by five points in non-conference action.

"We got some buckets when we really needed them. We were struggling to make hoops, every time that we had a bit of a struggle, we would make great passes and get a shot," said LHS coach Jim Goodwin after the win over Grayslake. "Coming off the game last night, I thought that the kids played very hard."

"Dan does a lot for us other than score points. He helps out on defense and gets a lot of rebounds. His defense helped and we could play behind their guys," Goodwin said.

Steve Olson led the way with 12 points and Morgan, a junior, had a key effort with 10.

"Morgan had one of his better games. He did a heck of a job for us," Goodwin said.

The Wildcats built up a lead of 32-23 by halftime by crashing the boards, particularly on the defensive side, where they were able to use their height advantage.

LHS has won five straight. "We're starting to get healthy and we are rebounding the ball a little bit better," Goodwin said.

Lake Forest promises to be a major challenge. "It will be a huge game. If we can saddle them with a loss," Goodwin said.

The Rams (3-12) were down by 12 points, but for the second straight Saturday night, made a furious comeback bid. The Rams used hustle, as Andrew Forshee and Brian Centella (8 points).

"It was good enough to win the game, but they got the breaks. It would bounce off someone's head and get a shot. We got one, but it cost us, Centella, who was hurt. Centella and Forshee give 100 percent, no matter what the score. I think the other kids are buying into it," said Rams coach Tim Bowen.

Grayslake trailed 48-36 on hoop by the Wildcats' Anthony Jennings off a pass from Olson. The Rams would cut the lead to nine or 11 points, but made a breakthrough on a trey by Brian Englehardt (5 second-half points), for a 48-41 deficit. Doug Hanson (14 points) cut the lead to five points, 50-45.

But LHS used its composure to great advantage. Curtis Goodwin iced the win with two free throws with 16.3 seconds left.

Grayslake is back in Fox Valley Conference action, hosting Lake Zurich Jan. 16.

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The SUPER 17

Boys Basketball

Team	Comment	Next opponent
1. Zion-Benton (16-0)	Zee-Bees remain unscathed.	at Grant Jan. 16
2. Lake Forest (11-4)	Scouts get leg up in Lake race.	at Libertyville Jan. 16
3. Libertyville (9-6)	Cats hang on to beat Rams.	Lake Forest Jan. 16
4. North Chicago (10-5)	Warhawks top Grant in Prairie showdown.	Wauconda Jan. 16
5. Waukegan (9-6)	Bulldogs 1-2 in CS South.	at Glenbrook S. Jan 16
6. Mundelein (8-7)	Corning scores 1,000th point in win over Pats.	at Antioch Jan. 16
7. Stevenson (8-6)	Pats drop Lake battle to Mundelein.	at Warren Jan 16
8. Warren (8-6)	Devils lose two close contests.	Stevenson Jan. 16
9. Lake Zurich (7-8)	Bears off to 1-0 start in FVC.	at Grayslake Jan. 16
10. Johnsburg (7-8)	Skyhawks still looking for win streak.	Richmond-Burton Jan. 16
11. Grant (5-7)	Grant still searching for consistency.	Zion-Benton Jan. 16
12. Antioch (6-9)	Antioch loses big to Cats.	Mundelein Jan. 16
13. Vernon Hills (4-12)	Cougars drop contest at United Center.	at Round Lake Jan. 16
14. Wauconda (3-11)	Bulldogs lose to Cougars.	at North Chicago Jan. 16
15.Carmel (2-13)	Corsairs crushed by St. Patrick.	at JCA Jan. 16
16. Grayslake (3-12)	Rams hang tough with Cats.	Lake Zurich Jan. 16
17. Round Lake (1-12)	Panthers still looking for 1st Prairie win.	Vernon Hills Jan. 16

Sequoits starting to come around

By JOHN PHELPS
Lakeland Correspondent

They're getting closer.

Despite a 0-4 division mark, the Antioch varsity boys hoops team has hung tough against the best-of-the-best in North Suburban Lake action.

They'll get a chance for that elusive first division win when upstart Mundelein comes calling on Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

"They are an excellent team. They have a nice mix of inside-outside scoring," said Sequoit head coach Tom Duffy. "And (Matt) Corning is tough in the middle. We'll have to defend the paint well."

If there was anything to learn from a loss, it was the fact that the Sequoits played Libertyville tooth-and-nail before falling 78-59 last weekend.

"We played well in spurts," Duffy said. "We did show we could hang in there and come back from a big deficit. I was real proud of the guys. They played really hard. We just need more consistency and need to defend the perimeter a little better."

Antioch fell behind by as many as 16 (32-16) midway through the second quarter.

But the Sequoits inside game started kicking into gear.

Chris Kiddoo scored six of his 10 points in the frame. He also grabbed four of his six boards in the quarter for Antioch, now 6-9 overall.

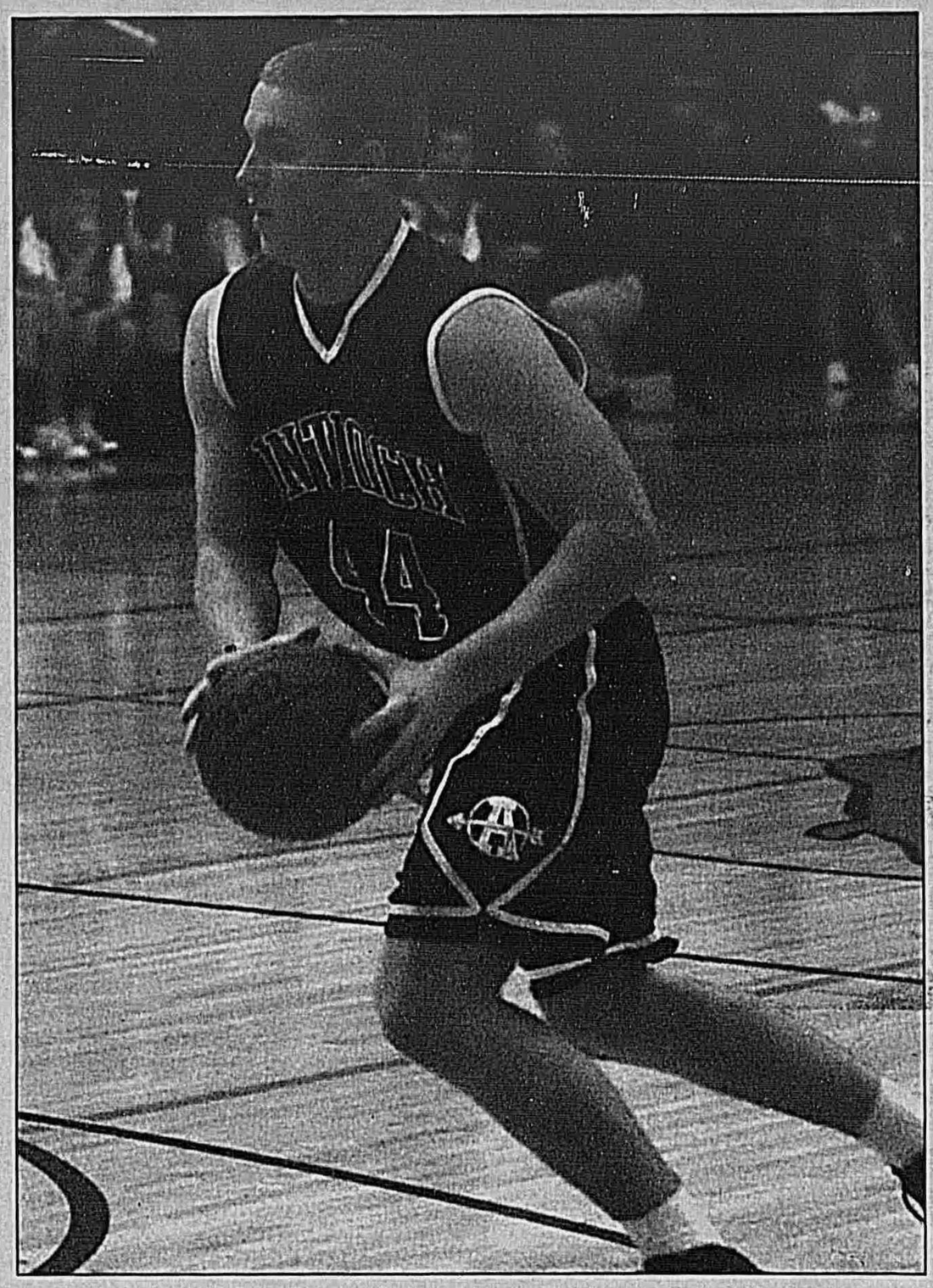
"Chris had a great game. He's been getting good position for rebounds and his turnaround jumper has really improved," Duffy said.

Eric Lear provided the biggest spark in the second quarter after pouring in 13 of his team's 23 points. Lear finished with a team-high 22 points and team-leading 12 boards.

Antioch again closed the deficit to under 10 points (61-52) with 5:39 left in the game. But Libertyville rolled off eight unanswered points to take a 69-52 lead to put the game out of reach.

"They (Libertyville) always had an answer whenever we made a run at them," Duffy added. "We need to do a better job of coming up with that crucial box out, loose ball or rebound at crucial times in the game. Otherwise, we're getting there."

Chandler Kent turned in a nice game, chipping in with 11 points, including nine in the third frame. Kyle White, Antioch's leading scorer, was held to just six points. Ryan Eder, Drew Dittmer, Brian Sternberg and Marshall Perry also scored buckets for the Sequoits.



Antioch's Chris Kiddoo drives to the basket in his team's 58-55 win over Grant on Jan. 6. The Sequoits will host Mundelein on Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m.—*File Photo by J.W. Sternickle*

HASTINGS LAKE STINGRAYS ROUNDUP

The Hastings Lake Stingrays defeated the McGaw YMCA in a dual meet held on Jan. 10 in Evanston.

The following individuals scored points during the meet:

25 Freestyle
Girls 7-8
Georgina Meyer 18.02, 3. Devon Brown 18.84, 4. Megan Landry 19.93, 5. Kylie Arena 20.09
Boys 7-8
1. Kirk Dickson 16.75, 2. John Zalewski 17.32, 4. Daniel Ostrander 19.71

50 Freestyle
Girls 7-8
1. Georgina Meyer 40.01, 2. Kylie Arena 41.67, 4. Megan Landry 49.92
Boys 7-8
1. Kirk Dickson 37.44, 2. John Zalewski 40.75, 3. Daniel Ostrander 45.31
Girls 9-10
1. Rachel Kurzeja 35.67, 2. Samantha Frank 35.80, 3. Michele Hartmann 38.88
Boys 9-10
4. Robert Corbett 37.62, 5. Stefan Woloshyn 38.65
Girls 11-12
1. Mesa Schmidt 29.50, 5. Rachele Hartmann 32.90
Boys 11-12
3. Jamie Landry 31.88
Girls 13 –14
4. Ashley Sharpe 31.44, 5. Sara Kees 31.89

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STINGRAYS

Boys 13-14
1. Eric Sharpe 37.87
Women 15 -18
1. Emily Meyer 27.45

100 Freestyle
Girls 9-10
1. Jennifer Wisbey 1:17.27, 2. Rachel Kurzeja 1:18.52, 3. Samantha Frank 1:20.36, 4. Michele Hartmann 1:27.58, 5. Natalee Sharpe 1:30.17
Boys 9-10
1. Tony Diaz 1:14.92 4. Michael White 1:49.54
Girls 11-12
1. Sam Myers 1:07.73, 3. Victoria Simpson 1:10.76, 5. Rachele Hartmann 1:16.37
Boys 11-12
1. Ricky Diaz 1:15.99, 2. Steven Ostrander 1:20.39
Girls 13 –14
2. Katie Ostrander 1:05.06, 3. Ashley Sharpe 1:10.63, 4. Sara Kees 1:12.00, 5. Kelsey Whitaker 1:13.90
Boys 13-14
1. Andrew Lorenzini 59.48, 2. Brady Cushman 59.83, 3. Eric Sharpe 1:25.31
Women 15 –18
1. Emily Meyer 1:00.55, 2. Bethany Brooker 1:01.92, 3. Lauren Foerster 1:03.18, 4. Molly Mattingly 1:04.15, 5. Melissa Drangines 1:05.04

200 Freestyle
Girls 11-12
1. Mesa Schmidt 2:13.45, 2. Shannon Zalewski 2:22.61, 4. Sam Myers 2:27.41, 5. Rachele Hartmann 2:39.52
Boys 11-12
3. Jamie Landry 2:39.54, 4. Mickey Hathuc 4:03.00
Boys 13-14
1. Andrew Lorenzini 2:20.19, 2. Eric Sharpe 2:56.04
Women 15-18
1. Bethany Brooker 2:17.22

100 IM
Girls 7-8
1. Haley Simpson 1:42.49, 3. Natalie Brooker 1:57.57
Girls 9-10
1. Rachel Burg 1:24.57 2. Jennifer Wisbey 1:33.96 5. Natalee Sharpe 1:45.04
Boys 9-10
1. Tony Diaz 1:18.89

200 IM
Girls 11-12
1. Emma Regnier 2:49.03, 3. Stephanie Kramer 3:02.55, 4. Melissa Buehler 3:11.29, 5. Sarah Warren 3:13.87
Boys 11-12
2. Ricky Diaz 3:02.34, 3. Steven Ostrander 3:04.72
Girls 13 –14
2. Katie Ostrander 2:50.56, 3. Kelsey Whitaker 2:55.48
Boys 13-14
1. Lukas Levad 2:21.87, 2. Joseph Burg 2:22.36, 3. Brady Cushman 2:31.86
Women 15 –18
1. Molly Mattingly 2:41.25, 2. Lauren Foerster 2:46.12, 3. Melissa Drangines 2:46.65, 4. Carley Juska 2:46.79, 5. Kelly McIlhany 2:47.28

The Stingrays will participate in PAC meet at Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire on January 16-18.

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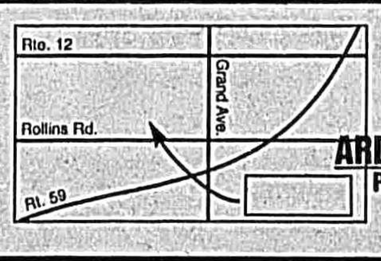
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AT A GLANCE

Five teens stabbed at party

Vernon Hills—What started out as a teenage get-together, ended with five partygoers stabbed, but with no life threatening injuries. Police, who have arrested no one in connection with the stabbings, said upon arrival, officers found a bleeding 19-year-old male victim who was brought to Condell Medical Center.

Later that evening Buffalo Grove police advised Vernon Hills officers of four additional male subjects ranging in age from 16-19-years-old suffering similar injuries, showed up at Condell Acute Care Center in Buffalo Grove. Those boys were transported from that location to two area hospitals. All were soon released.

Man saved from death

Libertyville—As township road crews plowed streets out from under several inches of snow, driver Herb Potter noticed a large object on the side of road and stopped to investigate.

Potter found a middle-aged man who was partially soaked with water, disoriented and losing the battle against the single-digit cold.

Doctors at Condell Memorial Hospital said the man would have died within about 30 minutes, had he not been found.

New school referendum floated

Fox Lake—Gavin School Board of Education is asking District 37 voters to support a $6.5 million referendum for a new school on the March 16 ballot. The school board voted 5-2 to put the question on the ballot.

Gavin South Junior High site would be the new school's location if the referendum is passed. Choices are to build at Gavin North site on Route 59 or at Gavin South Junior High off Route 134. Choices for grade levels and square footage vary from recommendation of district architects. They include a pre-kindergarten to second grade facility, a grade three to five school or a grade six to eight school. District office space is included in the options.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



A snow job

Sean Nolan of Libertyville sleds down the hill at Adler Park with his daughters Hayleigh, 6, and Grace, 4.—*Photo by Sandy Bressner*

Lambs Farm residence may face loss of its certification

Second in 2-part series

By DENYS BUCKSTEN
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The Illinois Department of Public Health's $15,000 fine of an intermediate care unit at Lamb's Farm focused on supervision and treatment of residents. Additional headaches at the Libertyville facility center on possible loss of Medicaid certification.

The IDPH's $15,000 fine was for the 16-bed Benjamin Green-Field Residence, part of the residential program at Lambs Farm, for failure to follow proper procedures in reporting incidents of alleged abuse and to immediately take steps to protect residents.

Lambs Farm cares for and trains 250 persons altogether, with about 165 on campus, in supervised housing such as the Green-Field Residence; 22 living in off-site residences and the remainder commuting to Lambs Farm. Lambs Farm is at Route 176, just east of the Tri State Tollway.

Green-Field's very failure to follow reporting guidelines, said Tammy Leonard, a Public Health spokesperson, prevented the state from the timely gathering of evidence needed to prove or disprove allegations of abuse.

"That's a major part of the problem with Lambs Farm," said Leonard. "The reason that we could or did not cite them for abuse is because there was not enough information to determine if abuse had actually occurred. Lambs Farm did not report the abuses and follow state guidelines."

The department focused on three alleged incidents of physical and/or emotional abuse reported at Lamb's Farm between February and July of 2003.

- A state reporting of Green-Field staff behavior in alleged instances of abuse, in 2003, included:
- An employee dragging a male resident from a building; of yelling

Please see **LAMBS** / B2

Father, son are finally reunited

Third in a series

12/30/03, 2:57 a.m.

I have been begging my chain of command to see my son, Christopher Jr. His chain of command will not allow him to leave Baghdad, so it is entirely up to me. The installation I am located at has an active aviation unit and travels to Baghdad every day, however just getting the powers to be to let me go is another thing.

If I do not see him very soon, his unit will be leaving to Kuwait and I will be going to Mosul which is 120 miles north of where I'm at in Tikrit. If I don't get to see my son it will probably kill me. Not in the real sense mind you, but as a father I want nothing more than to see my son.
—Christopher Kramer Sr.

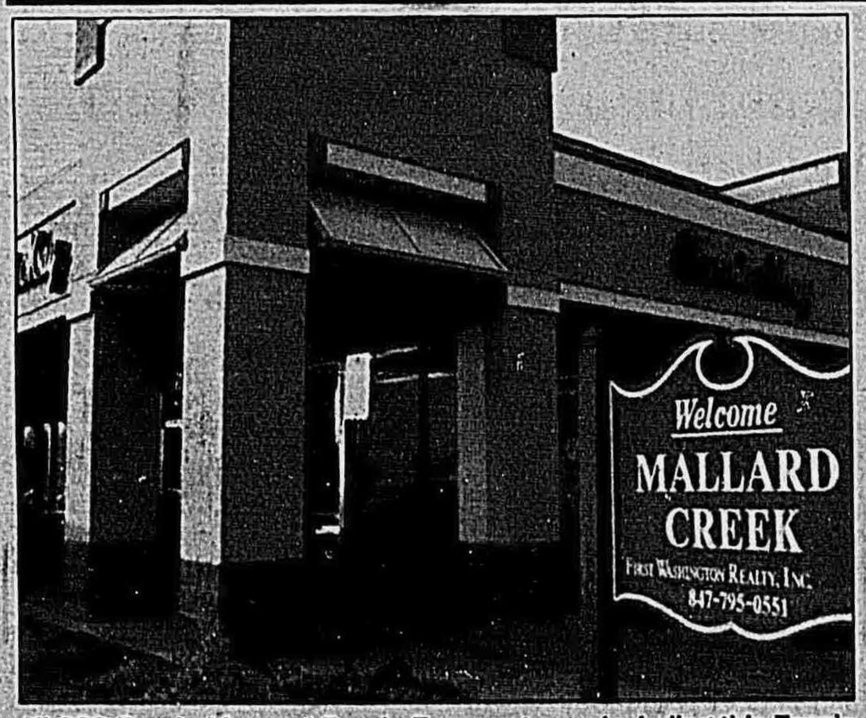
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It has been very difficult to get in contact with my father. We were able to talk once on the DSN phone, and have been in nearly regular contact recently, but this wasn't always so. I have only seen my father a handful of times since I left for Basic in August 2002. I have a lot of love, and a lot of respect for my father, so this hasn't been easy for either of us, but we both knew what was at stake when I joined. I cannot

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Christopher Kramer Jr. stands beside his father, Christopher Kramer Sr., in an Internet cafe in Baghdad, Iraq.



All 228 Fannie May and Fannie Farmer stores, including this Fannie May store in the Mallard Creek shopping center in Round Lake Beach, will be closed by Mid-February.—*Photo by Sandy Bressner*

End to this era isn't so sweet

All Fannie May stores set to close doors by Feb. 15

By CHRISTY BLANDFORD
Lakeland Correspondent

Each Valentine's Day, Nancy Kubalanza's son gives her Fannie May Pixies and her husband buys her a mixed assortment of Fannie May candy. This year, Nancy's family might have to think of new gifts.

But next year, Kubalanza, a Fox Lake resident, might have her Pixies again. Archibald Candy Corporation signed a preliminary agreement for the sale of Fannie May and Fannie Farmer to Alpine Confections Company, Inc. on Wednesday. The financial terms of agreement were not disclosed.

Ron Bottrell, spokesman for Archibald Candy Corporation, said more than 200 Fannie May stores will close by Feb. 15, but Alpine Confections Company could reopen some of the stores.

The company's manufacturing plant in Chicago will also close, laying off 625 employees.

"We expect to reopen some stores, and (Alpine Confections) will be making determination as to how many and when," Bottrell said.

In a press release, Alpine co-founders David L. Taiclet and Taz Murray said Alpine might open some Fannie May stores but make the candy in Alpine's facilities.

"All of us at Alpine Confections are deeply committed to making sure that consumers continue enjoying their favorite Fannie May and Fanny Farmer candies for years to come," the release stated. "We're especially pleased that we will be able to deliver the same find candies the public loves."

Alpine Confections also produces Maxfield's, Mrs. Fields, Harry London, Hallmark Chocolatier, Dolce d'Or and Botticelli candies.

The stores will not all close at once, but all will be closed immediately after Valentine's Day, he said. Bottrell could not say exactly when local stores would close.

Kubalanza said she would miss Fannie May candies if local stores remain closed.

"I'm really upset—I love Fannie May," she said. "I look forward to it on Valentine's Day."

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FROM PAGE B1

LAMBS—

and threatening the resident;
- An employee "shouting at the top of her voice as if she was fighting with someone"
- An employee yelling and screaming at a resident who was not ready on time
- And, "an employee (who) reportedly yelled at and threatened a resident, and a few days later, was seen pulling and pushing another resident down and shouting at him when he tried to stand up."

The state contends that Green-Field failed in each alleged instance:
- To follow state guidelines in dealing with employees suspected of abuse;
- To canvass other employees and residents, seeking evidence of similar incidents;
- To notify relatives or guardians of residents allegedly abused.

Public Health concluded that Green-Field did not meet these regulations in the three alleged incidents of abuse.

Dianne Yaconetti, president and CEO of Lambs Farm, said the state is wrong to release to the media information of fines and sanctions, with official wording "as if these things are fact." But Public Health's Leonard said reporting of fines and sanctions is routine procedure.

Of the specific allegations of abuse at Green-Field, Yaconetti said "they were all unsubstantiated. We did not find anything (evidence of mental or physical abuse) in our investigation."

The state serves as an agent for Medicare and Medicaid oversight; thus, the issue with Green-Field is that since the Department of Public Health acts as an agent for the federal government, inspecting facilities that accept Medicare or Medicaid payments, these sites must meet federal regulations and certification rules.

To ensure that such sites meet guidelines, since 2001 the federal government has conducted surveys of such facilities.

A "cancellation clause" was issued the Green-Field site after a February 2003 survey by the state, on behalf of the federal oversight of Medicaid.

Leonard said of the cancellation clause, "basically, the cancellation clause was saying that (Green-Field) was expected to show progress at the follow-up (August 2003) inspection," added Leonard. "Instead of (Green-Field) showing progress, de-certification in the Medicaid program was recommended."

Subsequently, Green-Field requested a hearing on the de-certification issue.

Since 2001, when the federal surveys began, Green-Field, according to supplemental information supplied to Lakeland Newspapers, has been "tagged" for a half dozen infractions, all lesser allegations, outside of the three incidents for which they were fined.

The allegations were of: physical or verbal abuse; drugs being administered improperly; and an issue with evacuation drills.

SWEET

in Gurnee Mills and Round Lake Beach said they did not know when the store would close.

A Fannie May store in Round Lake Beach had a line of customers and some empty shelves Tuesday. But Bottrell said stores are continuing to receive new shipments.

Chris Constabile of Chicago bought at the Round Lake Beach Fannie May what could be some of the last Mint Meltaways she'll eat. She said she buys candy from Fannie May stores about once every few months, and she will miss them if they are gone.

"I'm going to cry," she said. "And I'll probably lose some weight too."

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go see him because my brigade commander will not allow 82nd Airborne Division soldiers to leave Baghdad except for mission-essential purposes only. Flights on Blackhawk helicopters do come in and go out to were he is regularly, but the trick is to get him on one.
—Christopher L. Kramer Jr.

1/8/04, 4:19 a.m.

Here is the good news to all of my friends and family. I am sitting in a Internet cafe, and right behind me is my son. We are finally together. It took much coordination, but for the short amount of time we have, we are making the best of it. This has come with a lot of self-induced worry, but with much prayer I was given the chance of a lifetime. We will be sending pictures very soon, but for now all is well and I couldn't be happier.
—Christopher Sr.

1/9/04, 10:58 a.m.

The trip started off with a "search and rescue" to find my dad at Baghdad International Airport. That's like looking for a needle in a stack of needles. We finally did meet up, and the first night ended well. After a mission that I had early the next morning, I met up with him and we did some catching up, The third day was unfortunately short and early. We woke up at 1:30 am for a mission, and together with two squads from my platoon, we left at 2 a.m.

From there, it was off to The airport, and we dropped my dad off at an all inspiring 3:45 a.m. So much for sleep. Now, I have to get ready to come home!
—Christopher Jr.

1/10/04, 3:32 a.m.

The last three days have made me age four years. I fly a helicopter from Baghdad to Balad, then from Balad to Tikrit. It was really great to spend time with my son, even though my chain of command literally gave me no ideas how get back. All is well and I'm recovering at Camp Speicher.
—Chris Sr.

1/13/04, 2:26 a.m.

I moved to Mosul yesterday so hopefully I will be here for a while so we don't have to move. My wife finally has my sons' and my military star flag. Now in my window there are two. I can only imagine how cool it looks. I will try to keep you posted with all current events.
—Chris Sr.

Save-A-Life backed by feds, but not state

By STEVE PETERSON
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Save-A-Life Foundation (SALF), a national not-for-profit organization founded to spread the word on CPR knowledge, is receiving a boost in funds from the federal government.

SALF was awarded $1.75 million in federal funds.

"We will use the money to set up branch offices and at emergency wards in hospitals," Carol Spizzirri, president and founder of SALF, said.

SALF features a curriculum for students in various grade levels to learn what to do in case of an emergency. The organization was founded in 1992 after Spizzirri's daughter Christina, died. Carol Spizzirri later learned, at the time, that emergency service providers were not required to learn specific CPR skills.

"I am working with State Senator Donald Trotter's office to get funding from the state level, although Governor Rod Blagojevich cut it out. We hope to get funding through the state's bio-terrorism funds," Spizzirri, of Grayslake, said.

"We have been blessed with bipartisan support from Congress. The Department of Homeland Security has embraced us. We are working with the Citizen Corps to make sure people are knowledgeable about what to do before emergency personnel arrive in the event of a natural disaster," Spizzirri said.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors and the fire departments' Mutual Aid Box Alarm Association have been supporters, as well as Congressman Mark Kirk (R-Fort Sheridan).

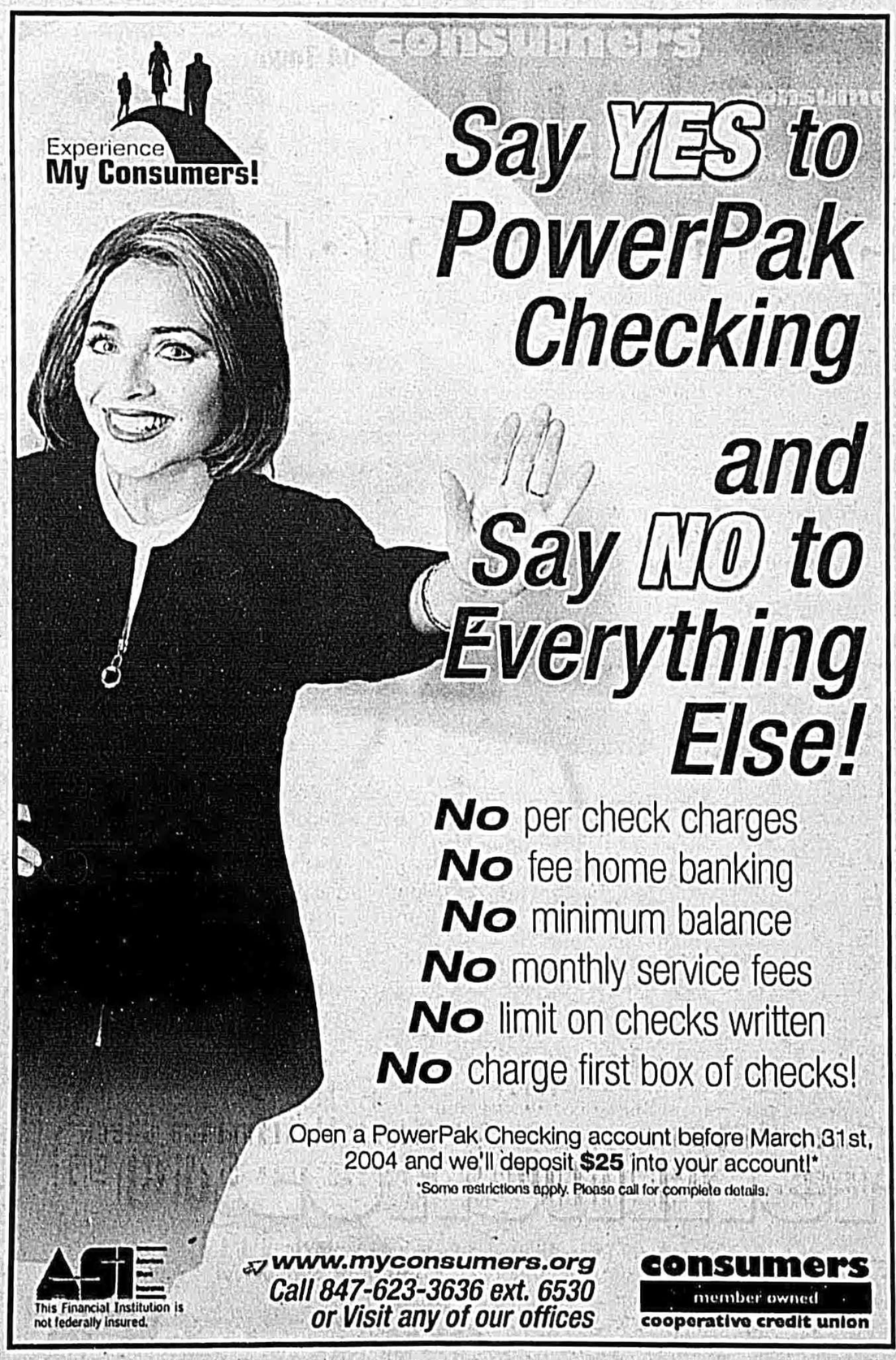
Pageant comes to CLC

Young ladies age 17-24 who work or attend school in Lake County may participate in the Miss Northeast Suburbs Scholarship Program.

The event will be Jan. 24 at the College of Lake County in Grayslake. This is the first step to be Miss America, with thousands of dollars of scholarship funds. Candidates will have some type of ideas about prevention of violence. They will compete in talent, swimsuit and evening gown competitions.

Applications for the CLC event will be accepted until Jan. 19. For more information, go to www.Missil.org.

The scholarship program pageant will take place at C005 of CLC. 19351 W. Washington Street in Grayslake. For more information, call 847-973-8869 or 847-404-3413.



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New expo to put spotlight on health, sports, golf

By CHRISTY BLANDFORD
Lakeland Correspondent

Golf enthusiasts can take tips from PGA professionals next month at Lake County's first Health, Sport & Golf Expo.

The event, which is co-sponsored by Lakeland Media and the College of Lake County Lancers, is scheduled for Feb. 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in CLC's gym.

Information booths and product displays from Lake County and neighboring county businesses will cover more than 22-square feet of the gymnasium. The event will showcase new health and fitness products, membership discounts and information about local golf courses.

PGA professionals including IPGA Pro Bill Ebdon will be in attendance to provide advice on techniques and how to improve golfing scores.

A free copy of the official PGA tour publication, "Guide to Golf," will also be available.

Libertyville Sports Complex, a platinum event sponsor, will distribute information about heated automated tee systems for golfers as well as services the complex offers for non-golfers, said Stephanie Witkiewicz, spokeswoman for the sports complex.

The event is designed to bring customers face-to-face with local business owners and service providers.

"This expo is an event that will help Lake County businesses grow by bringing their target market to meet them personally," said Bob Schroeder, executive vice president of Lakeland Media. "We are excited with the full schedule of additional events that we have planned for 2004 as well."

'Bulldozer Bob' proud of name

Former board member wants another shot at chair

By JEFF ZACHARY
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Former Lake County Board chairman and political powerhouse Bob Depke has formally announced his candidacy for the Lake County Board in District 6. Depke said that his lifelong commitment to improving the quality of life for all Lake County residents was his reason for coming out of retirement to seek the county board seat.

Depke, who said he would like to again be the board chairman, expressed concern over the stagnation of the county under the current board.

"Lake County's potential to be an economic powerhouse is untapped. There is so much more we can do to make life better."


Depke

And proving he is not just 'pro-development' Depke also negotiated and approved an agreement with W.W. Grainger providing for the donation of 257 acres to the Lake County Forest Preserve District. This was the largest single land donation ever to the Forest Preserve at no cost to the taxpayers.

"Show me somebody who doesn't like trees and I'll show you a jerk," Depke said.

Depke also commented on his well-known nickname

"A bulldozer is a sign of progress and strength, and the truth is that with 'Bulldozer Bob' came careful planning and strong balanced economic development. It was not indiscriminate and it never will be when I hold office again.. I love Lake County too much to ever let that happen."

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EDITORIALS

Museums flourish; backed by volunteers

Few localities in the nation boast of the number and variety of historical museums available to residents of Lake County and northeastern Illinois. The offerings are both unusual and remarkable in the sense of quantity, scope and quality.

For the most part, the museums are operated with volunteers and private funding. Typically, individual museums are operated on a membership basis, frequently as little as $5 per year for individuals, with family and business memberships offered for larger amounts. Admission is usually free or a small donation is requested.

It is gratifying to note that the not-for-profit museums operate with solid support of elected officials. Especially in the case of acquiring buildings, the museum associations often couldn't succeed without the backing of municipal corporations, meaning cities and villages. This is as it should be. We number ourselves among those who consider it fitting and proper for local government to aid and abet historical preservation with prudent expenditures of public funds.

Readers of this newspaper, who share our interest in local and county history, will find the following local museums to their liking:

ANTIOCH—Lakes Regional Historical Society; three Main St. facilities including an 1890's era elementary school, a resource center, and a restored church.

BUFFALO GROVE—Raupp Memorial Museum; showcase of local history from pioneer time to present. 901 Dunham Lane.

FOX LAKE/GRANT TOWNSHIP—Artifacts on display in century old town hall. Washington St., Ingleside.

GRAYSLAKE—Grayslake Municipal Historical Museum; Housed in original village hall. Artifacts and extensive collection of photographs, obituaries, maps and reference material. 164 Hawley St.

GREAT LAKES—Naval Training Station. Photographs, models, memoriabilia, dating from pre-World War I era coal burning ships to modern Navy. Main Gate entrance.

GURNEE—Mother Rudd Home Museum; Restored earliest surviving residence In Warren Township. Site on the Underground Railroad before Civil War. Old Grand Ave. at Kilbourne Rd.

HIGHLAND PARK—Highland Park Historical Society; housed in 12-room 1871 Victorian Italianate brick home. 326 Central Ave.

LAKE FOREST—Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society; photographs of homes of famous residents, papers, map and architectural drawings. 361 E. Westminster Ave.

LAKE ZURICH—Ela Historical Society; museum located in 1865 township hall. Photographs, maps, newspaper clippings. 95 E. Main St.

LIBERTYVILLE—Libertyville-Mundelein Historical Society. Ansel Brainerd Cook Home. Listed National Register of Historic Places. Nine rooms of Victorian furnishings, seven fireplaces. 413 N. Milwaukee Ave.

LONG GROVE—Long Grove Historical Society; three buildings circa 1840, including furnished farm house. 338 Old McHenry Rd.

MILLBURN—Martin's General Store; typical country general store of 1880s in Lake County. 38757 N. Highway 45.

MUNDELEIN—Historical Society of the Fort Hill Country, Fort Hill Heritage Museum; Former Soo Line depot, railroad memorabilia, pioneer tools, business machines. War uniforms and weapons. 1890 caboose on site.

VERNON HILLS—Cuneo Museum and Gardens; former home of utility magnet Samuel Insull. Extensive art collection of second owner John Cuneo. 1350 N. Milwaukee Ave.

WAUCONDA—Lake County Discovery Museum; nationally accredited, early county objects and archival materials. Home of world's largest public collection of postcards. Native American art and artists gallery. Changing exhibits. Rte. 176 and Fairfield Rd.

WAUCONDA—Wauconda Township Historical Society; restored 1840s Cook family farmhouse. Period rooms and interpretive displays. 711 B. Main St.

WAUKEGAN—Waukegan Historical Society. Haines Museum. Restored home. Period room settings. Research library. 1917 Sheridan Rd.

With the exception of the nationally recognized Lake County Museum, local museums too often go under-utilized, overlooked and unappreciated. The museums constitute a community resource of irreplaceable value, especially for education of the young. The museums richly deserve community support.



VIEWPOINT

Tragic event keys incredible response



BOB SCHROEDER
General Manager

At approximately 12:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 9, Lakeland Media driver Brian Marsh was involved in a major collision that caused the 24 foot box truck to roll on its side and skid into a farm field on Route 75, approximately three miles north of Route 50 in Kenosha County.

Marsh, hauling the full press run of the Great Lakes Bulletin completed at a Wisconsin printing site, was only minutes away from Lakeland's distribution center on Route 83 in Lake Villa.

Authorities said the driver of a small pickup truck failed to heed a stop sign at the intersection, striking the newspaper truck broadside. Investigators checked out a report that strong odors of alcohol were emitted from the demolished pickup.

Lakeland employees arrived on the scene while police, firemen and towing crews separated the wreckage, got the following picture:

Brian was doing fine after visiting the hospital.

The other driver is badly injured, and his status was unknown at the time.

The Lakeland truck was totaled.

The other driver's pickup was totaled.

The Great Lakes Bulletin was going to be delivered on time today.

At the accident scene at 1:45 a.m., emotions were very high. We all wondered what Brian described to us on his cell phone. There were two fire trucks, a squad car, an over-sized tow truck, flares everywhere, and spotlights all over. Firemen were stopping all traffic. The mangled small white pickup truck was being prepped for towing. The truck lay on its side in a field. Wheels were sticking up, the windshield pushed forward because it was the only way Brian could exit the truck, the back door bent and "zigzagged," roof cracked open in numerous areas, walls caved in, skids of paper upside down with one landing outside the truck in a farm field.

An assembly line was formed of firemen and Lakeland employees with loose bundles of papers handed off one-by-one and loaded into the three vans. After about 90 minutes, all the papers were loaded and the vans returned to Lake Villa.

Brian returned to the distribution department from the hospital at 4 a.m. with a small bandage on his nose, some bloodstains under the brim of his cap, and said he was ready to help get the Bulletins delivered so they wouldn't be late.

The first of four vans left Lake Villa only 15 minutes late.

The second van left on time.

The other vans left at their regular time.

True to newspaper tradition, the "papers got out."

Special thanks must go to the Salem Fire Department for helping unload the truck into three vans, the tow truck operator for his help, the Kenosha County Police for being on the scene instantly, according to Brian. And special thanks go to Bill Cross, Denny Ehlert, Wally Hamberger, Rose Johann and Brian. The dedication, quick response time and hard work they displayed go beyond words.

Bulletin readers were unaware of the unbelievable circumstances that were involved in getting the edition out. And that's OK. But we should all know the great lengths that were involved and dedication displayed by the Lakeland circulation department.

Bottom line and most important, Brian said he's OK. Later reports are that the pickup driver will recover.

One of my worst nightmares was realized that morning. But I think my proudest moment in this business happened at 4:30 a.m. when the first of our four drivers left to deliver the Bulletin only 15 minutes late. Our next driver left on time. Just incredible.

Unbelievable dedication was on display that morning. This type of commitment is what drives me even more to ensure that Lakeland Media remains a respected company in the community.

Editor's note: Bob Schroeder is vice president and general manager of Lakeland Media, that publishes 11 community news weeklies, the Great Lakes Bulletin and the Market Journal. This was a copy of a memo that he distributed to enployees of Lakeland Media Friday, January 9, 2003.

COMMENTARY

Hastert sparks GOP revival in Illinois

By Tom Cross

Notwithstanding opinions to the contrary, I am writing to report that the Republican Party in Illinois is alive and well.

Since the election of 2002 Republicans have regrouped and are working together to ensure that our message of less government, lower taxes, and fair allocation of funds across the state, is heard. We have new and energetic leaders like Judy Baar Topinka, Illinois Senate Leader Frank Watson, new DuPage Republican County Chairman Kirk Dillard, Will County Republican Chairman Jack Partelow, and DuPage County Board Chairman Bob Schillerstrom. It is exciting to see new faces and we are working to build a quality "farm team" of young leaders while encouraging diversity as we rebuild our party from the grassroots up.

In 2004 the top of the ticket will be led by President Bush. The ongoing economic recovery due to President Bush's tax cuts as well as the capture of Saddam Hussein has Republicans across the country optimistic. President Bush's success should help all Republicans on the November ballot.

Another great resource and pride of all of Illinois especially Republicans is the strong presence of U.S. Speaker of the House Denny Hastert. As the third most powerful person in D.C., Illinois enjoys the ability to have their needs heard by the federal government and receive the services we need in regard to transportation, public safety, education, and health care. Speaker Hastert has always been supportive of the Republican Party in Illinois and will continue to be in 2004.

Republicans, joined by the leaders of other caucuses, passed into law real ethics reform legislation that has been called by many "the strongest measure in the nation." In order for us to be successful we must restore the public's faith in our elected officials and we are taking steps to ensure this takes place.

Editor's note: Tom Cross, Illinois House Republican leader, represents a far west suburban district.

PARTY LINES

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South County Branch Court opens—finally

County officials exchanged high fives at the opening of the new South County Branch Circuit Court on Route 60, but they could have well breathed sighs of relief.

The $1.6 million facility that represents a new era for 19th Judicial Circuit branches opened more than six months behind schedule. The project was beset by contractor problems and controversy with the Village of Mundelein over permitting and building codes.

As project manager, **Joni Young**, head of Lake County Central Service, endured most of the headaches.

Chief Judge **Margaret Mullen** said the 7,300 square foot facility will inspire the respect for the justice system of citizens used to handling traffic matters in strip malls and converted offices. She stated that Mundelein Police Chief **Ray Rose** was among police chiefs supporting the need for a south county court.

County Board Chair **Suzi Schmidt** and County Board Rep. **Audrey Nixon** (N-North Chicago, law and judicial chairman, stressed public convenience factor. County Board Rep. **Pam Newton** (R-Vernon Hills), in whose district the court is located, called the brick and glass structure county government recognition of the need to elevate citizen services. Circuit Clerk **Sally Coffelt**, court administrator, said ground will be broken soon for a similar facility in Round Lake Beach as the county moved to upgrade branch courts.



Grinnel: *Appearance bouys spirits at event for court opening.*



Mullen: *Chief judge sees citizen respect in new building.*

Expands credentials

Bryan Gutraj, a Lake County Board candidate and certified public accountant, has added a law degree to his credentials. Gutraj, running for a Republican nomination in the crowded District 6 primary, will celebrate with friends and supporters from 7-9 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 18 at Jimmy's Charhouse, Libertyville. The district takes in parts of Round Lake Park, Grayslake and Third Lake.

Plaudits for Clint

A rare public appearance of former Sheriff **Clint Grinnell** and his wife, Marian, was a highlight at ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new South County Branch Circuit Court. Grinnell, sidelined by a severe stroke several years ago, was the object of handshakes, hugs and more than a few kisses. He is one of the few sheriff's who has remained respected and popular after leaving office.

Pro-business development

County Board Rep. **Bob Powers** (R-Round Lake Beach) is pushing economic development as part of his program for re-election in District 16. He's seeking input for the Round Lake area he represents to compete with neighbors like Libertyville, Gurnee and Mundelein.

Evening of theater

Antioch Republican Club is sponsoring the Saturday, Jan. 31, production of "On Golden Pond" at PM&L Theater as a combination entertainment-social evening. **Linda Mueller** (847-838-2001) and **Lillian Golonka** (847-395-1872), are handling ticket sales at $25 each which includes between-act refreshments.

Slow down traffic

Never-ending construction work on Route 22 through Lincolnshire usually keeps highway traffic to a crawl, but Mayor **Brett Blomberg** has issued orders for strict enforcement of a 35 mph speed limit. Another set of traffic signals on Route 22 is due by mid-January.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remembering Simon

I might be considered to be an unlikely fan of former Senator Paul Simon, but many years ago when I worked for a company on the north side of Chicago, I was president of the Howard District Chamber of Commerce. We invited Senator Simon one year to our installation dinner at the Lincolnshire Hyatt and I was honored to sit next to him.

We had a delightful conversation about national and particularly Illinois politics and he certainly knew that I was a very active and loyal Republican. However, we corresponded many times after that about some redevelopment projects related to the Rogers Park area of Chicago, and spoke on the phone several times, as well. He was a great gentleman. Shortly after I first met him, my wife and I got on his Christmas card list. He sent wonderful family pictures on the face of his card each year and I really prized them.

In politics, there are personalities that stick in your mind, and Senator Simon is one who still resides as a positive thought in mine. He and I would have to disagree on many political points of view, but I think his optimistic view on the role of government in our country was a very worthy position.

I'm sure his wonderful family and friends truly miss him.

Tom Adams, Chairman
Lake County Republican Party
Green Oaks

Longevity noted

In an article on the Libertyville Woman's Club, a member of the General Federation of Women's Club, celebrating their 100 y ears, I noticed that you mentioned the Antioch and Gurnee Woman's Clubs (also members of the General Federation), but failed to mention Grayslake Woman's Club that was chartered in 1927 and will celebrate our 77th anniversary this year. You did mention the Lake County Women's Club, but it is not a member of the General Federation of Women's Club

You also noted that the Libertyville Woman's Club had received a "Centennial Award" from the Illinois State Historical Society for their anniversary. Did you know that Grayslake had two businesses that also received the "Centennial Award"—Strang's Funeral Chapel and Crematorium and Churchill, Baumgartner and Quinn, Ltd."

Joanne W. Lawrence
Grayslake Woman's Club Member

Unconvinced patriot

I supported, as did the rest of the world, the first war against Iraq. I had a son serve in that conflict and I continue to support the men and women in uniform, That does not prevent me from questioning our current direction and policies. There is no contradiction in these two statements.

Democracy and democratic debate is an ongoing process. It does not have a beginning and an end. Some seem to suggest that we must all support our policy now with one voice, that dissention in the ranks must stop. This country was built on dissention, throughout our entire history we have never had full agreement on anything. Individualism, the bedrock of this country, contradicts any such silly suggestion. In fact, this is part of our democratic way of life that we are trying to preserve and still need to practice. If you want one voice, then you will need to create a dictatorship.

A Republican President, captured the essence of this argument.

"To announce that there must be no criticism of the president, or that we are to stand by the president, right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public."

Theodore Roosevelt, 1918

I can, and do, support the troops without supporting the policy. So, debate the war in Iraq all you want, I remain unconvinced it was necessary at this time, but don't confuse unconvinced with unpatriotic. Questioning our government's position is one of the most patriotic things I can do and I promise to continue to do it to the best of my ability. That is, of course, whether you agree with me or not.

Chip Lidicker
Fox Lake

More for less

When teachers get control of a school board that has teachers and former teachers on the board, we can see the damage they do to the family and business taxpayers in the school district.

High School District 128 serving Libertyville and Vernon Hills just approved a 3.2 percent pay raise over the next five years for its teachers union, more than triple the rate of inflation over the past five years and more than three times the economic forecast for the next five years.

Who in this high school district received a 5 or 6 percent pay raise last year? Not the vast majority of hardworking professionals working hard 48 or 50 weeks a year. Only the teachers union based on the inaccurate pretense made by board member Jan Foreman that the pay will be in "in line with other high school districts with similarly high achievement standards for its student body."

According to the recent state testing reports from the Illinoi State Board of Education, released after settling the teachers union contract, we have learned and parents know, immaterial of all of hype coming from the high school's public relations propaganda, there are very serious educational failures in Consolidated High School District 128 in Libertyville and Vernon Hills.

Over 20 percent of juniors are failing to meet state standards in all areas of education. Twenty-three percent are failing in reading, 20 percent failing mathematics, 23 percent failing in writing, and 21 percent failing in science.

Let us review the State's comparisons of other neighboring high school districts. Stevenson has only 13 percent failing to our 20 percent, Lake Forest has 14 percent and Deerfield barely 10 percent.

The state report claims that 100 percent of the classes in all these schools are taught by "highly qualified" teachers, yet over 20 percent of our students are not meeting State achievement goals.

Carmel High School down the road from the Butler Lake campus has a stellar record of test scores surpassing the Libertyville Vernon Hills High School District and doing it for about 40 percent less in educational cost.

No matter how the teachers' union high school board hypes it, their union contract is unwarranted, unearned and financially negligent.

I hope that Foreman and board know what they have done, speaking as one person who talks with a lot of taxpayers. There will never be another tax rate referendum approved to bail them out of their pending financial disaster with their malfeasance.

Jack Martin
Libertyville

Career advice

Once again referendum time is upon us, and the schools are threatening to cut programs if referendums fail. Your article of Dec. 29 states, Antioch 27th of 29th in starting salaries. May I suggest that the 26 ahead of Antioch are overpaid.

There was a time that the newspapers listed teachers salaries to the penny. Now they list names as over $40,000 or $60,000. What I would like to know, is how much over?

I know people working outside of government who haven't had a raise for three years because of a slowing economy.

The taxpayers have been throwing more money at schools for years. I don't see any improvement in test scores.

Government workers are signing contracts for 4 and 5 percent and more, and still saying, not enough. Picking the taxpayers pocket.

The government said, the inflation rate went up 2.1 percent while the teachers salaries went up more than twice that. Again picking pockets.

Supt. Hockney said, "It is customary to give teachers 25 percent salary increases a year or so before they retire." Again picking our pockets.

The benefits government workers receive are too many to list. In closing might I suggest to young people, get your education, become school teachers, or work for the government in some form, collect your lucrative pension, and never look back.

Edmund J. Roberts
Antioch

Foggy memory

In a recent letter to Lakeland Media, Jim Farrell indicated that he "volunteered to help with the effort to stop both the Peaker Plant in Round Lake and the power plant in Volo" and that Bonnie Carter "refused his assistance" because of "political reasons".

Jim is either foggy with his recollection of what he did or didn't do in 2001-2002, or he's not telling the truth, or perhaps both. Whatever his reason is for writing what he did, I wanted to set the record straight on what Jim didn't do.

As a former neighbor of Jim's, I can say that Jim never helped with anything associated with fighting the power plant. I can also say that Bonnie Carter wasn't "controlling" who could participate in this grassroots effort. Jim's claim is entirely ridiculous.

Anyone who was close to the issue (or who has ever participated in a volunteer effort for that matter) knows how much we would have appreciated anyone's help to fight the power plant companies. This was a volunteer effort that required significant time and energy—anyone who wanted to help was welcome to help. Those who did help would amplify what I'm saying here: if Jim would have expressed any interest to assist, he would have been embraced with open arms.

As someone who claims to care about the community and building relationships, blaming his own inaction on someone else's proactivity is indicative of a significant crisis of character. In a contemporary business and political 'environment where character has proven to be important, Jim's justification for his inability to assist is just another example of what isn't needed in public service. The duplicity between what Jim says and what he does (or doesn't do) are both striking and disturbing—on this and many issues that have come to light since Jim has announced his candidacy.

There were many people involved with fighting the possible building of power plants in the Round Lake and Volo communities—Jim Farrell was not one of them. It wasn't because anyone told him that he couldn't help.

Bonnie Carter was there to help, (late) Gordy Kiesgen was also, Don Newby was too—along with hundreds of other people who cared enough to dig-in and support their neighbors. If it wasn't for neighbors like Bonnie, Gordy, or Don, it's likely that there would be power plants in downtown Round Lake and Volo.

Mike Thirtle
Kirkland

Editor's note: Mike Thirtle formerly resided in Valley Lakes Subdivision, Round Lake. He was an active participant in community affairs and the fight against a peaker plant.

Role model

I see that Wayne Blake is mounting a bid for Lake County Board in District 1 with Norman Geary as his role model. Is this the same Norman Geary that circulated petitions for the current county board representative? If so, then the only real alternative to "business as usual" on the county board is Anita Merkel Dyer.

Mark Ring
Antioch

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If you wear glasses or contacts for distance vision or would enjoy reading without glasses, attend a free refractive event on January 27. The Eyecare center is located at 300 North Milwaukee in Lake Villa. For more information, call 847-356-0700.

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Congregate Meals Program

Join others for low-cost, nutritional meals in the hospital cafeteria daily. A speaker or educational program of interest accompanies one meal each month. Reservations are not necessary. For more information, call 847-535-6176. Date: Thursday, Jan. 15; Time: 4 - 6:30 p.m.

CPR: Save a Life

Learn infant, child and adult CPR through the American Heart Association's Pediatric and Heartsaver course. Participants receive first aid instruction for choking, as well as information about heart disease, causes and prevention of injury, and cardiopulmonary arrest in children. This is a one-day course. Date: Saturday, Jan. 10. Time: 9a.m.- 1 p.m.

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VISTA HEALTH

Vista Health's Senior Spirit sets luncheon schedule

Vista Health will again present its series of Senior Spirit luncheons in 2003. The low-cost events include a buffet lunch with beverage and an informational speaker. Cost is just $2 for members of Senior Spirit and $3 for non-members. Members must show their cards at the door. Reservations will be taken up to five days before each event. To make a reservation, call 1-800-843-2464. This month, the Senior Spirit luncheon is: December 16, Victory Memorial Hospital Same Day Surgery Conference Room, Waukegan. Topic will be "Handling Grief at the Holidays".

CONDELL MEDICAL CENTER

Childbirth education classes

The childbirth education classes at Condell Medical Center, 801 S. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, will enhance and complement your doctor's advice. Taught by trained, certified instructors, these classes provide understanding, support and information that will take the expectant couple from pregnancy through the postpartum period, and help them to adjust to the changes that having a baby brings. Classes cover a variety of subjects including Pondering Pregnancy, Early Pregnancy, Childbirth Refresher, Infant Development, Grandparents Class, Basically Breast-feeding, Breast-feeding and Working and Caring for Baby. Call 847-990-5407, or in Spanish: 847-990-1289.

Adult fitness classes

Centre Club hosts Adult Fitness Classes from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Prairie View Park Building, 16652 Port Clinton Road., Vernon Township. This class is the former Senior Fitness class that was held at the Condell Acute Care Center in Buffalo Grove. A certified Centre Club instructor leads exercises to music from the 1940s, '50s and '60s. The cost is $3 per class. The first class is free. Call Centre Club, 847-990-5742 or Vernon Township, 847-634-4600.

Support group for parents and caregivers of children with special needs

If you're looking for a group of understanding people in a comfortable setting where you can exchange ideas about caring for children with special needs, Condell Health Network's Pediatric Alternatives in Creative Therapy (PACT) now offers an evening support group. Share trials and triumphs with PACT social worker Laura Vock and other parents and caregivers who face similar challenges. Meetings take place the second and fourth Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at the PACK office at 755 S. Milwaukee Ave., Suite 283, in Libertyville. For information, call 847-573-4392 and leave a message.

Calming flu fears



PARENT'S PLACE

Dr. Sherri Singer

Hi Dr. Singer,

We have 3 kids. They are 9,7 and 17 months old. This flu outbreak has scared me to death and also my husband is nervous about it too, primarily for the 17 month old. We have not had flu shots and usually never get them. This year we are sorry we didn,t get them. Our fear has filtered down to the kids. We try to talk about it away from them after bedtime, but they have inadvertently gotten some information from us and have also heard other people talking about kids dying. The reason I call you today is to see if you have any hints about how to help the fear get reduced in our household and how to help our older kids and us get a grip on this situation. Thank you. S.H.

Hi S.H.,

This truly is a scary situation, but it is hard to tell now whether most of the fear is coming from the actual events occurring or if the news hype about it has increased people,s fear somewhat. It is always terrifying to hear about a child dying of anything, but especially when it is something contagious that can be picked up anywhere.

First and foremost, you need to understand that I am not a Medical Doc and therefore cannot give any medical advice. If you need that, you need to check with the Doc. What I will focus on is trying to empower you and your kids with some common sense things that you can do that should hopefully bring your fear down and help you to feel more in control and more comfortable. Again, I am not a flu expert, but there are some good health things you can do.

1.) If your Medical Doc agrees, see if there are still shots available for the 17 month old. I understand there is more vaccine available now, but they are rationing it to the high risk groups which would be under 24 months, elderly people, people with compromised immune systems and pregnant women in 2nd and 3rd trimesters. From what I understand, the vaccine is not a guarantee that someone won,t get the flu, but if they do, it may be less in severity. Also, from what I understand, if a child is having the flu shot for the 1st time, I believe there needs to be 2 shots, one month apart. Another thing to check with the family Doc about. You may or may not be able to find vaccine now.

2.) Practice good health at home. Make sure everyone eats right, sleeps enough, takes appropriate vitamins (don,t go mega dosing because you are afraid, because that can be more dangerous.) I know it,s tough to do, but reduce your stress level. Stress brings illness. Exercise can also help to keep up a good immune system. The stronger your immune system is, the better. Now, obviously when a child is under 24 months old, flu becomes more of an issue because of an immature immune system. That,s just a fact of life and you can,t change that, but what you can do is build everyone else,s immune system in the house so that flu has less of a chance of permeating any of the older people and thus has less of a chance of getting in your home. You did not mention if your 17 month old is home or in day care so I am assuming the child is at home. As such, if you prevent the flu from being there, it stands to reason that the 17 month old will have much less of an exposure possibility.

3.) Teach and practice great hygiene. Most illnesses travel from hand to mouth, nose and eyes. This happens because people consistently touch their faces after touching other surfaces without washing in between. I learned this from a Paramedic I worked with years ago and I found that since I stopped touching my face without washing my hands, I no longer get sick once or twice a year like a used to. I know it isn,t easy to stop touching your face, but if you can make that the standard in your family and teach your kids and yourselves to not touch your faces before washing your hands, it stands to reason that you will significantly reduce the chance of any flu bugs getting in your system.

Also, teach you kids to wash their hands often and make sure it is 20 seconds long. You have probably already heard that singing Happy Birthday or the Alphabet during that washing time will ensure a long enough wash. We were told that it isn,t antibacterial soap that works, but rather the friction of rubbing your hands together that actually does the germ busting. So use whatever soap and wash often.

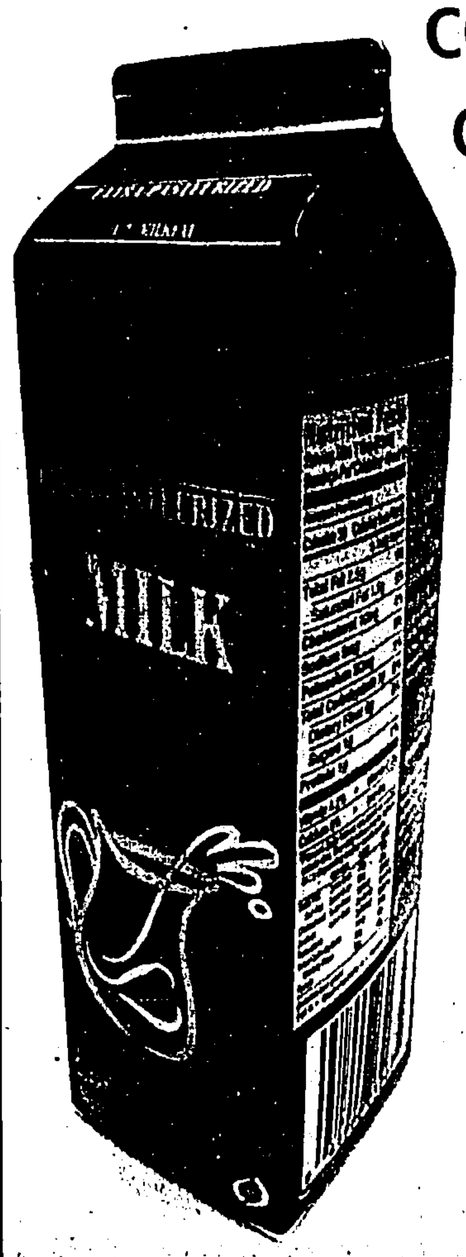
Here is a fact that I think is overlooked and very important: Each night before bed, have kids use a non-perfumed lotion like Vaseline Intensive Care. A lot of washing combined with Winter can create open cuts on hands and chapped hands. This can allow germs in just as easily. We find that if we use hand cream before bed at night, by morning our hands are in much better shape. If you allow hands to be chapped, people tend to wash less because it hurts more.

4.) Ask kids to try and stay away from sick kids and you stay away from sick adults. Without being offensive you can ask your kids to do this. I don,t think anyone will think worse of them since everyone is very aware of this flu problem. There is only so much they can do and I would not tell them to run screaming from someone who sneezes, but just tell them to practice common sense. If someone seems sick, they might want to tell the teacher about it. If someone is sitting next to them at lunch coughing a lot, they might want to ask permission to move somewhere else. If you work on a computer terminal or phone that gets shared with others, use a Clorox wipe on anything you will be sharing. Remember that the flu is a virus and not bacterial so anything antibacterial will not have an effect.

5.) Keep this in perspective. It is a sad but true fact that every year people die of the flu, including children. To those families who lost a child, my heart hurts for and with you and I cried every time I saw that it had happened again. Those families will live with that pain for the rest of their lives and that is heartbreaking. However, for the grand majority of people who have gotten flu, they have recovered. I,m certain that lots and lots of kids got it and got better. It is not a 100% chance that just because a child gets the flu that that child will necessarily become seriously ill. Obviously, if you notice your child having breathing problems from the flu get to the hospital immediately so you can maximize treatment possibilities. Do your best to take steps to avoid it and then all you can do is have faith and pray. I think it is peaking and hopefully will be done sooner than later.

Dr. Singer is a Psychologist who regularly works in person with readers of this column improving kid,s attention, behavior, processing and learning skills fast. She has been an ADD Coach to many kids on meds and has also trained the skills of many other labeled kids who are not on medication to take them to attention, behavior and learning heights their parents never dreamed they were capable of. Dr. Singer is starting maternity leave in March and is now scheduling people for June evaluations for the attention/behavior improvement program. For an appointment call (708) 962-2549 or (847) 231-5644. Dr. Singer,s office is located in Grayslake.

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Study shows Americans will have a renewed interest in recreation

After a decade-long decline, participation in outdoor recreation is on the rise across America. According to Leisure Trends Group, a research firm based in Boulder, Co., in 2004 Americans of all ages will be focusing on fun.

The war in Iraq is over, time has passed since the 911 terrorist attacks, and the economy is finally starting to recover. People are starting to realize they can now let loose and think about more pleasant things for a change. "Priorities are changing. Instead of worrying, enjoying life is a lot higher on people's agendas," says Jim Spring, president of Leisure Trends Group.

The change in behavior is already noticeable across the country. A recent survey conducted by the organization shows a strong jump in the number of people who are once again participating in sports, fitness and social activities.

The data also shows one of the most popular places to turn for fun in 2004 will be the water. Baby Boomers will be spending a lot of time enjoying the ocean on cruise liners and their own boats; while Generation Xers and Xers at heart will focus on adventure sports, such as kayaking, wave boarding, rafting and water skiing.

George Blair, who goes by the name Banana George thanks to his trademark yellow wetsuit, has been barefoot waterskiing since he was in his 40s. He celebrates his 89th birthday in January. "I love being out on the water," he says. "It makes me feel free as a bird as the wind and water blow past me. Me and water just go hand in hand." Calvin Tate and Pat Benavidas, get a different kind of satisfaction from their time spent on the water. The couple just took up boating two years ago, and they now live on a 70 foot custom house boat with Tate's 19-year old son, Matt. "We had to throw away a lot of things before making the move, but were really open minded to take this adventure and we love it," says Benavidas.

"When I'm out on the water, all the weight of daily stresses disappears. I get totally involved in driving the boat and enjoying the beauty of my surroundings. The world really does look different from the water and I get a fresh perspective on a lot of things. I think it's like that for a lot of people," says Thom Dammrich, president of the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

Dammrich travels the country sharing his enthusiasm for boating with anyone who will listen, and says he always has good interaction with people at boat shows. "They offer one-stop shopping for people who want to shop for a boat, accessories, gear and insurance. You can see a lot of makes and models side by side, which helps make the decision process a lot easier, and you can even secure financing," he says.

Most boat shows take place during the winter months, so if you want to enjoy the sport all summer long, Dammrich says now is the time to shop around. For a list of boat shows in your area, go to www.discoverboating.com.

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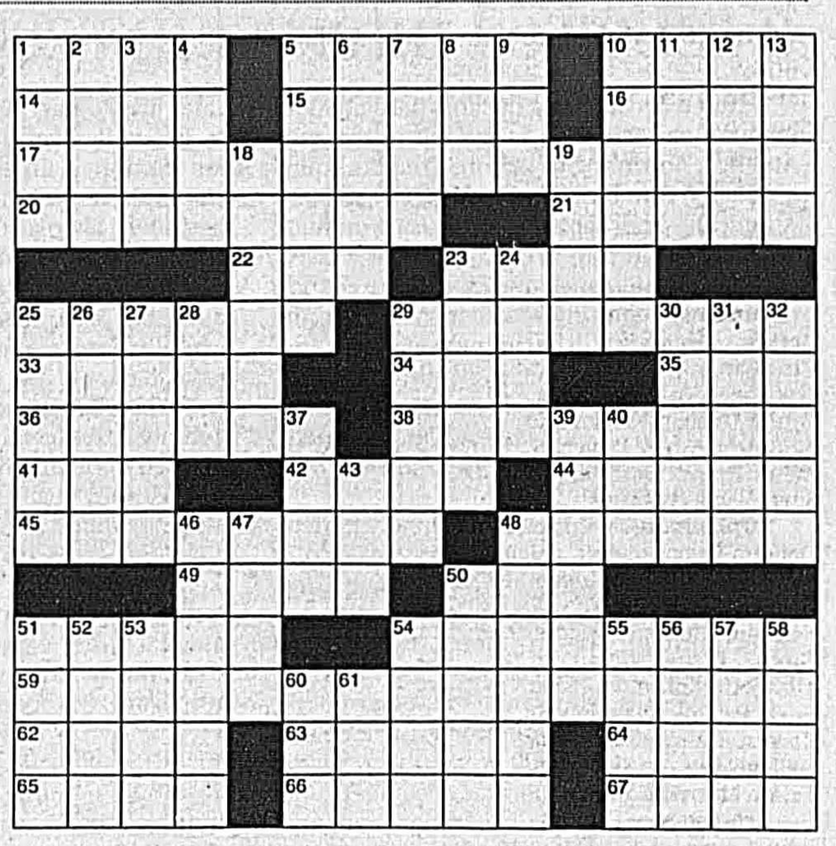
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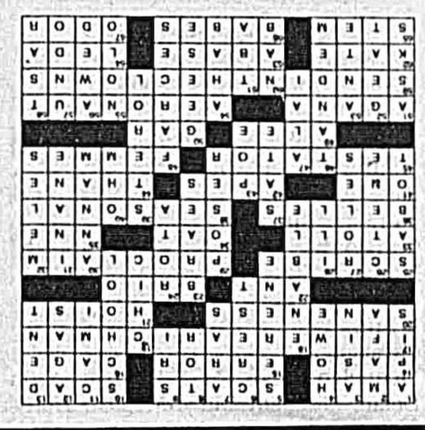
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1. Wet nurse
5. Vocal musics
10. Carangid
14. El ___, Texas town
15. Misconception
16. Enclosure
17. Tevye's fantasy
20. Mental health
21. Lift
22. Hymenopteran
23. Gusto (Italian)
25. Write
29. Maintain
33. Island consisting of a circular coral reef surrounding a lagoon
34. Cereal grain
35. Compass point that is midway between north and northeast
36. Girls
38. Cyclical
41. Small integer
42. Primates
44. Clan chief
45. Man
48. ___ fatal, French fatal women
49. Away from wind
50. Ganoid
51. Capital of Guam
54. Aviator
59. Sondheim hit song
62. ___ Capshaw, actress
63. Spite
64. Queen of Sparta
65. Tube
66. Minors
67. Sense experience

DOWN

1. Arthropod genus
2. Matakam
3. Month
4. ___ Mandel, TV comedian
5. Calm
6. Be situated
7. Bird genus
8. Hill (Celtic)
9. California think tank
10. Make better
11. Women's undergarment
12. Turkish leader title
13. Harm
18. Change
19. A la mode
23. Hillsides
24. Island north of Guam
25. Getas
26. Organ
27. Social classes
28. Bad
29. Assistant
30. Asian nation
31. Devoid of ideas or intelligence
32. Mammal genus
37. Ingest
39. Anagram of rsleot
40. Resistance unit
43. Edgar Allan ___, poet
46. Cycle
47. Jai ___, sport
48. Dressings
50. Long necked birds
51. Transmits thoughts
52. Ancient German
53. Wager
54. Whale ship captain
55. ___ contendere, plead no contest
56. Frightened
57. Ruin
58. Tyrant
60. Take hold of
61. Don't know when yet

Answers



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Aries – March 21/April 20
Speak your mind when it comes to a business matter that really upsets you. Let your associates know what you think. You'll be surprised at how many agree with you. A good friend asks you a personal question. Don't answer it if you don't want to. He or she won't be offended.

Taurus – April 21/May 21
Don't keep your emotions bottled up early in the week, Taurus. Let that special someone know what you're thinking. He or she certainly wants to help you feel better. All you have to do is let him or her. A loved one drops by unexpectedly late in the week. Listen to what this person has to say. He or she just needs someone to talk to.

Gemini – May 22/June 21
You feel like you're on an emotional roller coaster this week, Gemini. Talk to someone close to you. He or she can help you sort out your feelings and get back on track emotionally. Don't be afraid to ask this person for help. A business associate reveals his or her true feelings for you. Let this person down gently.

Cancer – June 22/July 22
Don't get stressed about an impending deadline. You are sure to meet it if you just calm down and get organized. You can do it. Work diligently, and don't let those around you distract you from your work. Don't worry. Things will be finished by the end of the week, and you'll have plenty of time to relax.

Leo – July 23/August 23
You become the center of attention at work this week, Leo. Don't be embarrassed; you deserve the praise and acknowledgments. Your hard work finally pays off. A close friend introduces you to an intriguing person. Get to know him or her better, because this could be the one.

Virgo – Aug 24/Sept 22
Don't be too critical of yourself when you make a mistake this week. It's nothing serious, and you remedy the situation almost immediately. No one else is worried about it; why should you be? Let it go. A loved one needs your advice on a financial matter. Be honest with him or her.

Libra – Sept 23/Oct 23
Even though you want to, don't get involved when two friends have a disagreement. This is something that they need to work out themselves. Your input only will make matters worse. Sagittarius plays an important role on Friday.

Scorpio – Oct 24/Nov 22
Your ego could get you into trouble with business associates this week, Scorpio. So, don't be too cocky when meeting with the higher-ups. They know what you're capable of; they also know what your co-workers can do. So, don't put others down to try and get ahead. It won't work.

Sagittarius – Nov 23/Dec 21
Don't let a minor disagreement with a loved one spoil your good mood this week. This person doesn't mean to hurt your feelings. So, don't take it to heart. Just let it go. A good friend invites you out on Saturday. Say yes, because it's sure to be a good time. Taurus plays a key role.

Capricorn – Dec 22/Jan 20
Don't get upset when a co-worker takes control of a business situation. You know that he or she is the best-qualified person to handle the problem. Just do what you're told, and try to learn a few things. That special someone has a surprise for you. Enjoy yourself!

Aquarius – Jan 21/Feb 18
Don't be too critical of an acquaintance who makes a mistake early in the week, Aquarius. He or she is wrong and readily admits that. Help him or her remedy the situation. Your assistance definitely will be appreciated. The person whom you've been seeing wants to intensify the relationship. Say yes.

Pisces – Feb 19/March 20
Go after something that you really want this week. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. If you work hard and stay focused, you're sure to get exactly what you want. A loved one offers to help you with a romantic problem. Don't be too proud to say yes.

Carmel students on honor roll

The following students of Carmel High School of Mundelein, have been named to the first quarter honor roll.

Superior Honors (GPA 4.0+)

Seniors—Jessica Anewalt, Gabriel Bitto, Lauren Burch, Denise Fesik, Jessica LeClaire, Michael Serio, Jack Simmons, Jessica Wind, Lisa Zickuhr, Brandon Ziemann

Juniors—John Albers, Joseph Becker, Madelaine Burkert, Keli Coleman, Steven Danna, Joseph Giangrasso, Ashley Gier, Paul Grenning, Patrick Lehman, Kendra Leidecker, Mary Mattingly, Ashley Paluch, Scott Passolt, Allison Roeser, Clare Rupprecht, Theresa Smith, James Williams

Sophomores—Kristen Backe, Demitra Badino-Berger, Caitlin Bender, Meredith Brown, Cristina Bufalino, Kathleen Callaghan, Kerry Devitt, Elmer Esteban, Andrew Federer, Brandon Grom, Claire Heid, Roger Jenke, Elizabeth Kohrman, Sean Murnane, Erica Pauley, Ryan Reynolds, Patrick Rogers, Cassandra Scaman, Kathryn Steffenhagen, Cassie Stromayer, Phillip Taylor, MaryBeth Tourdot, Peggy Zizzo

Freshmen—Timothy Anastos, John Cipolla, Kelly Donovan, Jessica Easter, Melissa Edmonds, Selina Fesik, Colleen Gallagher, Caitlin Griffin, Matthew Gutantes, Rebecca Hamman, Gregory Hansen, Katherine Herdmann, Daniel Jackson, William Janssen, Alexandra Keller, John Rambo, Mary Reilly, Katherine Roberts, David Salazar, Patricia Smith, Samantha Sokup, Megan Thickpenny, Michael Vadnais, Sara Waddelow, Kevin Wales, Ashley Whitley, Allison Zawaski

High Honors (GPA 3.50+)

Seniors—Cassandra Amores, Ashleigh Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Megan Bowens, Joseph Bravine, Jennifer Hanson, Ross Haseman, Jessica Hearne, Matthew Heid, Jeremiah Henson, Rachael Malloy, Anne McKinney, Jennifer Michehl, David Milender, Christopher Miller, Kristen Ruhl, Madalyn Rusin, Gerard Sapienza, Christine Scherman, Daniel Schutz, Kristina Burchard, Allison Castillo, Erin Cavaiani, Elizabeth Chan, Emily Collard, Jacquelyn Davis, Leia DeLeon, Sean Dolan, Elizabeth Duffy, Meghan Duffy, Claire Earll, Jeffrey Finlayson, Martha Garcia, Andrew Gebhart, Anne Goshgarian, Bridget Halvey, Mary Hamilton, Amy Hillier, Katherine Holzman, Lindsay Huster, Jessica Iorio, Alexandra Kafka, Amie Kanuch, Patrick Kimenere, Megan Knight, Graham Kolb, Claire Konicek, Jerad Korte, Serena Larkin, Scott Latter, Rachel Leman, Sally Lepper, James Levasseur, Jessica Liptak, Corrine Mina, Joseph Monterastelli, James Niziolek, Collin O'Rourke, Megan Olson, Christopher Pajerski, Joseph Parisi, Catherine Petersen, Mary Petrosko, Kathryn Polak, Nicole Prate, Megan Roberts, Adam Romaguera, Haley Rose, Kristin Rudnick, Rebecca Ruelle, Katherine Ruhl, Meghan Sinclair, Rebecca Smith, Kathryn Smogor, Jenna Sniegowski, Steven Stanchuk, John Stanislawski, Laura Steele, Janna Stickler, Laura Strus, Grant Uhler, Mark Venegoni, Morgan Virgilio, Derek Walls, Sarah Walter, Alicia Wolf-Lewis, Bryan Wynn

Juniors—Laura Achille, Kiersten Anders, Femarie Ang, Celestia Arendall, Lauren Bickner, Kristyn Biscocho, Elizabeth Brennan, Katherine Brumley, Emily Buckley, Patrick Cain, Marcella Campione, Tyler Capistrant, Anthony Cipolla, James Clinton, Ryan Coli, Garth Collins, Jonathan Colvard, Cathryn Dana, Michael Davis, Cailin Delaney, Christian Deme, Matthew Dodd, Danielle Doll, David Dowe, Jennifer Eckhart, Melissa Enriquez, Bridget Fagan, Jennifer Fedesna, Christopher Fidlow, Liane Fiore, Douglas Fitzgerald, Elliot Flaws, Kymberly Forsythe, Erin Fredrick, Kimberly Galera, Katherine George, Christine Gerli, Jaclyn Gifford, Brittany Goodrich, Gerard Goshgarian, Catherine Grachek, Beth Grampovnik, Jessica Harling, Vanessa Hart, Mia Haugen, Margaret Hertel, Nichole Hoeflich, Kristen Huschitt, Dorothy Jenke, Leah Johnson, Heather Jones, Angela Kalsi, John Karczewski, Lauren Kasper, Jessica Kipp, Elizabeth Kizior, Tynan Kraft, Daniel Krzmarzick, Patrick Lacey, Kevin Lastres, Peter Lynch, Paul Lyons, Meghan Mahaney, Eric Makoski, Nina Masse, Peter Maus, Aashley Meade, Matthew Mellor, Michael Meyer, Cassandra Moran, Samantha Morley, William Mullen, Alyssa Munch, Kristin Murnik, Claire Nachowiez, Michael Niziolek, Megan Nyre, Jayme O'Brien, Teresa Ogrinc, Yared Ogunro, Lindsey Olson, Rachel Palkoner, Kristen Patterson, Jennifer Pelletier, Matthew Petermann, Maegan Petkus, Angela Pfammatter, Nicole Pilotte, Matthew Pirih, Julie Przywara, Katherine Quille, Joseph Rejc, Patrick Roach, Ariel Ross, Danielle Roy, Lauren Rutledge, Adam Salazar, Francis Salemme, Jessica Saltiel, Katherine Schlax, Charles Schoen, Kathryn Sonza-Novera, Colin Spude, Abigail Sup, Sarah Tackett, Anne Tebbetts, Jason White, Colleen Wienke, Kelly Winter, Kristen Wissing, Jacqueline Zdon, Ryan Ziebro, Allison Zimmerman, Natalia Zochowski

Sophomores—Tricia Abernathy, Robert Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Tyler Ankney, Alyssa August, Cristina Balitaan, Hector Barrera, Sarah Baynes, Jessica Beauchamp, Allison Buckley, Maria Bufalino, Nora Burt, Bernadette Casaclang, Lucy Casey, Sonja Cellucci, Emily Cepla, Patrick Chybowski, Michael Connell, Kevin Cook, Justin Copeland, Molly Daluga, Kathryn Dannible, Michael Davenport, William Davis, Anna Day, Sarah Dayiantis, Kristin DeFiore, Cassandra Del Vecchio, Andrew DeLeon, Karen Diepstra, Erika Falger, Kathleen Graham, Sarah Grampovnik, Jeffrey Greco, Tom Hammer, Alyssa Harling, Beatrix Hartmann, Joan Haseman, Ashley Heilngoetter, John Hertel, Erin Hickey, Angela Hiss, Matthew Howard, Jacqueline Iorio, Catherine Johnson, Robert Johnson, Timothy Johnson, Timothy Josupait, Mark Kasperczyk, Matthew Knight, James Kopecky, Kate Krempely, Celeste Larkin, Rebecca Lehman, Sara Lehman, Jennifer LeJeune, Michelle Lewis, Kacie Liederbach, Kelly Lynch, Benjamin Lyon, Sarah Macrowski, Dorothy Martucci, Erica Masini, Sean McCreary, Meghan McGinty, Sean McGrath, Robert McKay, Cesar Medina, Stephanie Meier, Christopher Meyers, Nicole Michehl, Kristina Minor, Shalu Mirza, Danielle Mooshol, Stefani Morones, Michael Morrissey, Katharine Moss, James Murray, Stephen Musick, Kyle O'Rourke, Laura Pavin, Monica Pedraja, Scott Pelletier, Nadia Richardson, Jencie Richtman, Carly Rieger, Rebecca Robison, Jeffrey Rohalla, Bridget Ronayne, Stephanie Ross, Daniel Rupprecht, Vincent Samudovsky, Andrew Saunders, Kelly Schmidt, Marisa Schostok, Joseph Scully, Colin Simmons, Kyle Sinkus, Jacob Slade, Nicholas Smith, Danielle Soudan, Sarah Stolz, Kathleen Stoughton, Carl Stream, Lauren Suchy, Odette Sweer, George Tebbetts, Elizabeth Trausch, Brian Tschanz, Erica Tudor, Kara Tumminello, Laura Valkman, Kevin Virgilio, Brittany Walls, Jaclyn Ward, Claire West, Kathleen White, Kelsy White, Rikki Wilson, Matthew Wind, Marie Wysocki, Jeffrey Wytaniec, John Zegar

Freshmen—James Allen, Caitlin Anderson, Karyn Anderson, Kathryn August, Matthew Balitaan, Lauren Baloun, Andrew Bartus, William Battistone, Patrick Bender, Laura Beske, Caitlin Biarnesen, Megan Bickner, Mary Dolan, Matthew Eckhart, Allyson Fabry, Daniel Fairfield, Anthony Fedrigon, Sydney Flaws, Katherine Foley, Amanda Folta, Michael Fowler, Alexander George, April Giles, Tara Gille, Michelle Knight, Ellen Kozak, Tarah Kraft, Valerie Kramer, Kelly Krzmarzick, Kristin Lastres, Ryan LaValle, Meaghan Markert, Lisa Markiewicz, Brittany Martinson, Katie May, Daniel Michel, Aphrodite Priovolos, Rebecca Prybell, Christina Riebandt, Daniel Riedel, Nicole Rutledge, Jennifer Saltiel, Pable Sanchez, Molly Schlax, Meilin Schneider, Daniel Schuster, Zachary Slade, Eduard Speth, Robert Brodarick, Alanna Byrne, Molly Chamberlin, Michael Chan, Daniel Chen, Claire Cochrane, Jonathon Cole, Meggie Cramer, Garrett DeGross, Alexis Delaney, Katelyn Gray, Catrina Green, Jessica Gries, Erin Heatherman, Michael Hohmann, Kristen Hutchinson, Kimberly Jones, Mary Kate Jung, Sarah Karczewski, Nomvuyo Khumalo, Rachel Monterastelli, Sean Morrow, Thomas O'Grady, Gregory Obert, Yanela Ochoa, Megan Osterhout, Jonathan Otto, Ryan Palmer, Michael Pirih, James Potempa, Nathaniel Stetzler, Kara Tamayao, Rebecca Tazioli, Daniel Tombasco, Christopher Toth, Caitlin Trevillyan, Matthew Tucci, Christine Waldron, Tracy Weisbrod, Timothy Wilson

Honors (GPA 3.0+)

Seniors—Michel DePaola, Michael Doyle, Sara Fijalkiewicz, John Geske, Caryn Giznik, Adam Kanka, Thomas Kloss, Sean Knudsen, Emily Kuhn, Robert Maddalozzo, Rocco Miranda, Michael O'Halloran, William Olson, Daniel Paluch, Kristen Pazely, Lauren Ring, Nicholas Schaefer, Eric Scheitz, Joanna Scully, Evan Smith, Jamie Steiner, Laura Strus, Nicholas Uhler, Malia Walker, Richard Wysocki, Benjamin Yellin, Amy Zavala, Christin Zwolski

Juniors—Edwin Adamski, Nicholas Andres, Michael Chew, Connor Donovan, Brian Faul, Daniel Hauser, Michael Lobaito, Carlos Maravillas, Megan McGrath, Kristina Otto, Amy Rinehart, Robert Shaw, Kerri Slezak, Megan Steele, Ryan Swanson, Nolan Weick, Nicole Worklan

Sophomores—Sarah Adamski, Amanda Andreasik, Phillip Denofrio, Rebecca Edmonds, Mackenzie Fortune, Nicholas Griffin, Jeffrey Hensley, Vilmos Keckskemethy, Kelsey Keely, Elizabeth Krause, Kathryn MacDonald, Jeremy Mumenthaler, Colin O'Neill, Molly Passella, Elizabeth Riley, Curtis Robinson, Jennifer Rowehl, Patrick Sauerland, Patrick Sheehan

Freshmen—Sarah Brennan, Curtis Crotty, Michelle Dayiantis, Caitlin DeRango, Erin Endress, Kevin Gleeson, Christian Gonzalez, Laura Goshgarian, Shana Hall, Sean Kane, Audra Kick, Eric Knauf, Amelia Lagowski, Alexandra Lehman, Chloe Lillig, Allison Luka, Roxanna Novelo, Paul Ogrinc, Quint Owen, Robin Palkoner, Nicholas Quillin, Kelley Quinn, Kyle Tackett, Christopher Wienke.

Deferral plan possible to give senior taxpayers help

Lake County 'Senior Citizens, who are having trouble paying their real estate taxes, may defer all or part of their taxes on their personal residence if they qualify under a 1984 law.

Lake County Treasurer Robert Skidmore explained, "the deferral is a loan by the state with a 6 percent interest rate to be repaid after the death of the taxpayer or at the time the property is sold."

To qualify, a person must be 65 years old or older by June 1, 2004; have a total income of $40,000 or less; heave owned a home in Illinois for at least three years; and must own the property which must be used exclusively for residential purposes.

Also, all previous years' real estate taxes must be paid and the property ma not be income property. The total amount of the deferred tax may not exceed 80 percent of the taxpayer's equity in the property.

Forms for applications for the deferred tax program are available at Robert Skidmore's office in the Lake county Administration Building in Waukegan. Deadline for filing for the tax deferral is March 1. For more information contact Karla Mertes or Kathy Jansen at 847-377-2323.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Forum for seniors

Members of Congress and of the Illinois General Assembly who represent Lake County have been invited to participate in a legislative forum on issues of particular interest to seniors on Jan. 23. The annual forum provides an opportunity for direct dialogue between citizens and their federal and state legislators. The forum will be held from 8-10:30 a.m. at the Libertyville Civic Center, 135 W. Church St., in Libertyville. Call 847-247-7659 for more information.

Free exercise program

A free exercise program designed specifically for people with arthritis will begin Feb. 3 at Foss Park in North Chicago. The eight week PACE Program (People with Arthritis can exercise) will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. Join in this free program that uses gentle activities to help increase joint flexibility, range of motion, muscle strength, and overall stamina. You must complete a registration from to attend. Instructor is Joni Geer Sell, RN. Forms are available at Foss Park, 1730 Lewis Ave., North Chicago at 847-689-7480.

Campaign fund-raiser

Steven Skinner, democratic candidate for Lake County Board Dist. 6, will host a campaign fund-raiser on Jan. 22, at Maravela's in Fox Lake, at 4 S. Washington St., from 6-8:30 p.m. Call 847-740-3534 for more information.

Business leaders honored

Lake County Partners presented its Extra Mile Award to two area business leaders who have made distinctive, positive contributions to the local economy.

Deborah Weber, vice president of Harris Bank in Libertyville, was honored as one of the originators of Lake County Partners' Microloan program, a program that makes loans to small businesses.

John Geocaris, Little Lady Foods president, was honored because his company is "a business (which) has impacted the local economy in a positive way... through capital investment, increased employment opportunities and improved tax base diversity"

The company, with 2002 sales of $70 million, opened a subsidiary operation, Marti's Culinary, in Gurnee.

Scholarship available

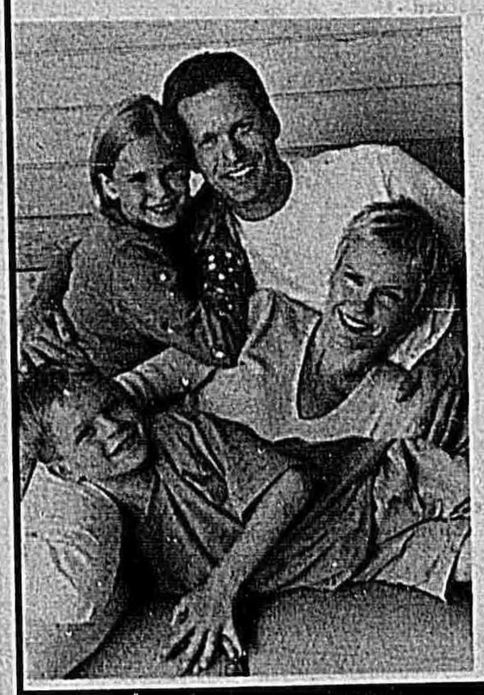
The Friends of Volo Bog is offering one scholarship of $1,000 to an outstanding Lake or McHenry County high school senior interested in pursuing an environmental career. The applicant should be planning to enter a career directly related to preserving the environment.

Application packets are available at Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Road in Ingleside, or by calling 815-344-1294. Applications will be accepted until Jan. 31.

AARP tax-aide help

Every year, starting the first week of February and continuing until April 15 AARP's Tax-Aide volunteers help Lake County's seniors to cope with the confusion and trauma associated with the filing of tax returns. Last year nearly 3,000 filers sought and received free tax counseling and tax preparation at 20 sites all across Lake County. At certain sites AARP's free service includes electronic filing of tax returns.

Volunteer tax counselors are given comprehensive training in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service to prepare them for this important and rewarding work. If you would like to become a tax-aide volunteer, or would just like to learn more about the program, contact Jim Ackerman, district coordinator, Lake County tax-aide at 847-680-9358.



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COUNTY SPORTS DIGEST

Grayslake Youth Baseball Association Events

GYBA registration for the 2004 baseball season will be on Saturday, Jan. 10 and again on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake.

There will be four leagues: ages 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. The league (age level) that a player participates in will be determined by the player's age as of July 31, 2004.

To register, a child must live in Grayslake Community High School District 127.

Registration fee is $135 for the first child and $110 for each additional child. Registration fee must be paid at registration.

Download registration forms at www.gybaonline.com or complete the form at in person.

All registered players must attend one of the Player Evaluation Days scheduled on Sunday, Feb. 22 and Sunday, Feb. 28 at the College of Lake County. Times will be determined at registration. All players must register prior to evaluation.

GYBA will also host the 6th annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Grayslake Fire Station. The cost of the pancake breakfast is $5 for adults, $3 for children (ages 4-12) and seniors and children 3-and-under eat free. GYBA registered players also eat free.

Special prizes will be awarded during the raffle drawing. This year, the pancake fundraiser coincides with the Downtown Grayslake Winterfest weekend.

For information on events, winter camps, etc. visit the GYBA Web site at www.gybaonline.com.

Gagewood Lions Baseball registration

Gagewood Lions boys baseball is taking mail-in registration for their in-house boys baseball program. The program covers boys, ages 6-14 as of Aug. 1, 2004.

Information, costs and registration forms can be found at www.gagewoodbaseball.com. Mail completed registration forms to: Gagewood Lions Baseball, 17740 Dartmoor Drive, Grayslake, IL 60030.

Mundelein Little League baseball and softball registration

The Mundelein Little League will hold baseball and softball registration on January 10 and 17 from 8 a.m.-noon at Century 21 Marketplace, located on the corner of Route 176 and Lake Street in Mundelein.

The league is open to any resident, with a birthday between Aug. 1, 1989 and July 31, 1999, who lives within the Mundelein Little League boundaries. New members must present a birth certificate and proof of residency.

Avon Township Youth baseball registration

Avon Township Youth Baseball & Softball walk in registration on Saturday, jan. 17 at State Bank of The Lakes, 50 Commerce Drive, Grayslake, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 25 at the Round Lake Area Park District, 814 Hart Round, Round Lake, from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

For more information, call A.T.Y.B. at 847-223-9299.

Runners plow through winter

Chicago area runners can stay in shape throughout the winter months by participating in CARA's LaSalle Bank Shamrock Shuffle 8K training program.

The ten-week program, hosted by the Chicago Area Runners Association, kicks off at five city and suburban sites and leads up to the late-March LaSalle Bank Shamrock Shuffle, the world's largest 8K race.

The program will be featured in downtown Chicago on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 8:30 a.m. at the Chicago Athletic Association, located at 12 S. Michigan Ave.

It will also be featured at "The Barn" at Paulus Park, 400 Whitney Road, in Lake Zurich on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m.

CARMEL SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Boys Basketball

To quote Yogi Berra: "It's déjà vu all over again" for Carmel's boys basketball team.

Without the bulk of their starting lineup for the second straight year, due to the football team's state title run, the Corsairs have once again gotten off to a slow start on the season.

Last season, Carmel was blown out in its first two games but rallied back to win nine games, and 13 of its 17 losses were by 10 points or less.

Carmel coach Joe Molloy is hoping for a similar run this year.

"We hope to make a run similar to last year," Molloy said.

The Corsairs won their second game of the season last week against Grayslake, before hosting ESCC rival St. Patrick on Friday.

And Carmel jumped out to an early lead against the heavily favored Shamrocks, holding an 11-10 advantage after the first quarter.

Carmel kept the game close, trailing 25-19 at the half, but was outscored 11-2 in the third quarter, going on to lose 64-32.

"We played pretty tight until about midway through the third quarter," Molloy said. "We had a good trapping defense that caused them some problems."

The key to the team's third quarter struggles, and indeed their biggest Achilles heel, were turnovers. The Corsairs turned the ball six straight times in the third quarter, in the midst of St. Pat's run.

"We need to work on our ball handling," Molloy said. "If we can take care of the ball, it will help our defense and give us some more chances to score."

Carmel struggled from the field in the third quarter, as its only points came on a pair of free throws. In fact, Joey Parisi led the Corsairs with just nine points.

Jack Simmons and Scott Passolt each chipped in with seven points for Carmel (2-13, 0-4 ESCC).

The game was a big drop off for Simmons, who has been averaging over 16 points per game.

Carmel may soon receive a boost with the return of Mark Venegoni, who has been out all season recovering from an ankle injury suffered in the state football semifinals. Venegoni just got off crutches two days ago and could start practicing with the team soon.

"We need to keep working on things," Molloy said. "We need to get more reps and solidify our defense. We just need to clean up the little mistakes."

Carmel will try to get back in the win column with a pair of weekend road games against Joliet Catholic on Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Nazareth Academy on Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball

Carmel High warmed up for the challenging East Suburban Conference run with two convincing wins in girls basketball action.

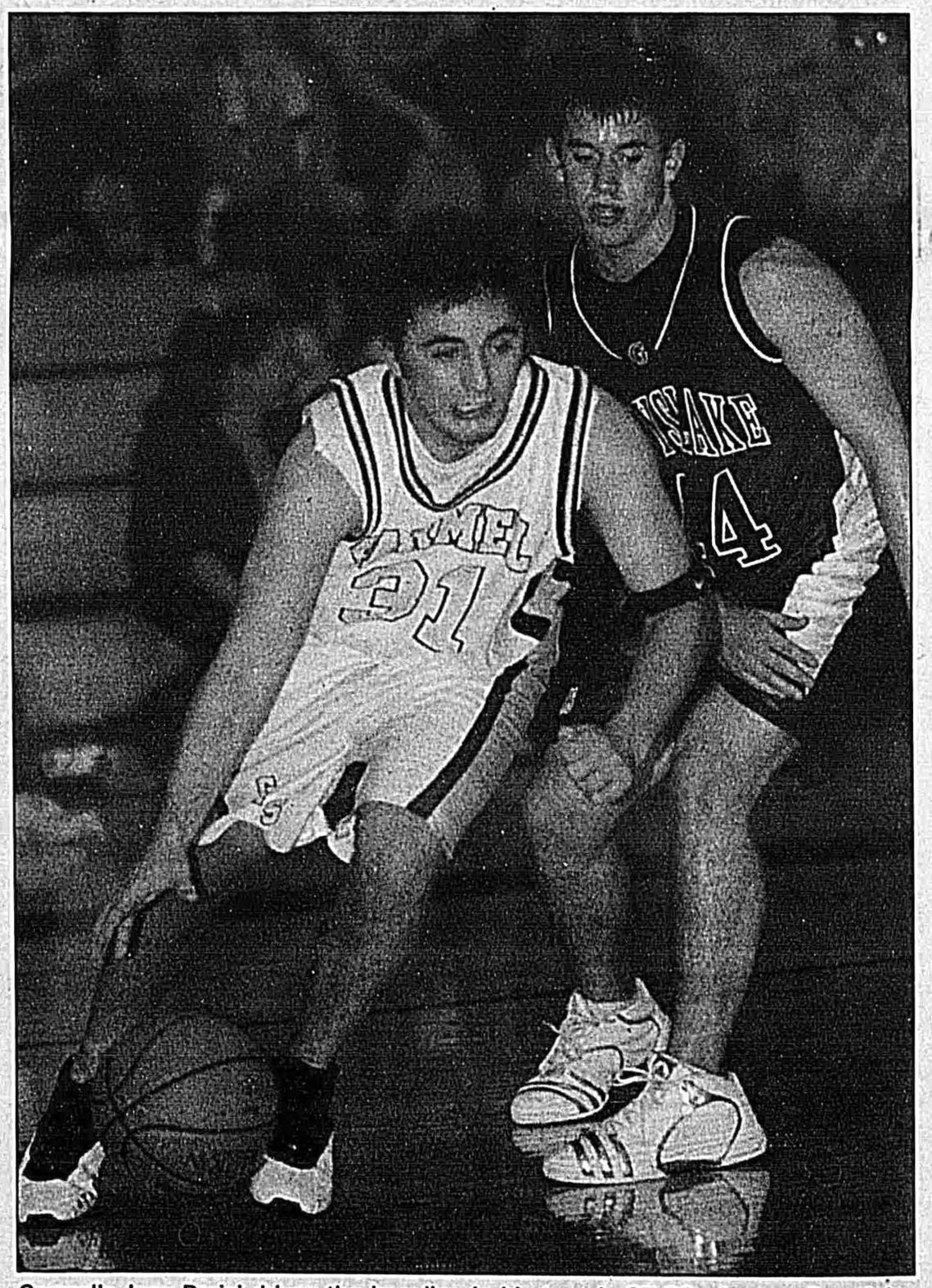
"We played pretty well against Lake Tech and Zion-Benton. Lane Tech was undermanned with their 6-3 center out and their point guard out, and Zion did not have their star player," said CHS coach John Ryan.

Powerful Fenwick visits Carmel on Jan. 21. Carmel is at Bishop McNamara on Jan. 17.

Caitlin Krombach scored 20 points and Jenny Eckhart 11 to lead the way. A 15-2 third quarter run win it for Carmel, now 16-2.

Zion-Benton was no problem in a 67-20 Carmel win. Senior Becky Smith led the way with 16 points and Teresa Ogrinc had 10, Krombach nine.

Krombach and Eckhart recently tallied their 1,000 points of their standout careers at CHS. They were recognized for their efforts at the Zion-Benton game.—*Rob Backus and Steve Peterson contributed to this report.*



Carmel's Joey Parisi drives the baseline in his team's 35-33 win over Grayslake on Jan. 3. The Corsairs will be at Joliet Catholic on Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m.—*File Photo by Candace H. Johnson*

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Lancers outlast McHenry in overtime

Women go 1-1 on week

By ROB BACKUS
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CLC men's basketball coach Shawn Chism subscribes to the theory that the game is mostly mental.

"It all comes down to the mental game," Chism said. "When were tough enough mentally to overcome adversity, we win."

The Lancers faced a lot of adversity in a game against Skyway Conference rival McHenry.

Due to 15 missed free throws, CLC found itself down 18 points mid-way through the second half.

At that point, Austin Yarc received two technical fouls for arguing a call, and was tossed from the game.

After that, something seemed to click for CLC, which closed the gap throughout the rest of regulation, tying the game at 81-81 on a three-pointer by Brandon Borror with 13 seconds left in regulation.

Borror (13 points) also hit a trey to open up overtime and the Lancers never looked back, winning 98-91 in overtime.

"The kids just decided that they weren't going to lose and they didn't," Chism said. "Everything just took care of itself after that."

That's something that Chism has noticed his team has developed of late—the will to win.

"These kids think they can win every game, and that's a bonus," Chism said.

Quentin Herring led CLC with 28 points and 15 boards, and has been averaging 20 and ten since coming to the team five games ago.

"Quentin has been everywhere for us," Chism said. "He feels he can get every rebound."

Marc Harvey (19 points, 5 assists), Aaron Jones (13 points, 10 rebounds) and Bryant Peoples (11 points, 6 assists) also had solid games for CLC (8-9, 2-1 Skyway).

"We had some good balance," Chism said. "A lot of people contributed."

In their previous game CLC was beaten by Oakton, 84-69.

The only difference in the two games, according to Chism, was effort.

"Against McHenry, we played hard for 40 minutes," Chism said. "Against Oakton, we only played hard for the first ten.

"That was one of the worst games I've ever been a part of."

Herring led CLC with 20 points and ten boards. Harvey added 17 points and Courtney Reed chipped in with ten.

With CLC just one game under .500, Chism has high hopes for the rest of the season.

"We want to compete for the Skyway title," Chism said. "And we want to have a winning record for the first time in 15 years."

CLC will play at Elgin on Jan. 15 before hosting Moraine Valley on Jan. 20.

Women's basketball

CLC continued its pattern of inconsistent play, going 1-1 on the week to put its overall record at 7-10 and 2-0 in the Skyway Conference.

The Lady Lancers opened the week with a 62-47 win over Oakton.

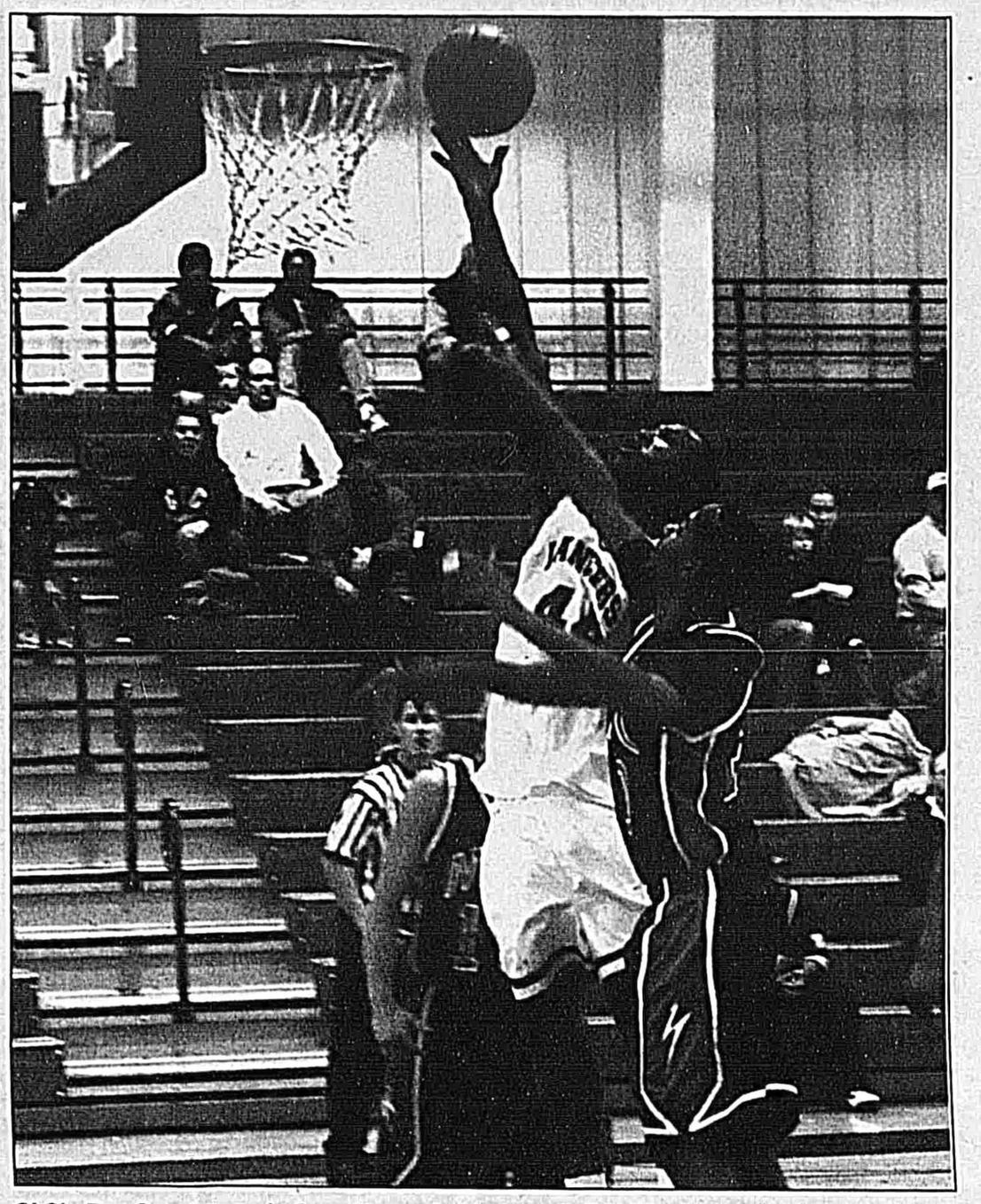
Erica Brown led CLC with 19 points and Kristin Piasecki had 11.

The next game, the Lady Lancers were crushed by McHenry 91-54.

CLC fell behind early, 31-6 but closed the game to within 40-26 at halftime. The team got within eight points at 45-37 in the second half but couldn't keep up the pace, and fell further behind the rest of the game.

Brown and Piasecki each led CLC with 14 points.

The team will play at Elgin on Jan. 15 and will host Moraine Valley on Jan. 20.



CLC's Dre Grant goes in for a lay-up in his team's 90-78 win over Milwaukee Area Tech College earlier this season. The Lancers split a pair of games last week and will host Moraine Valley on Jan. 20 at 7:15 p.m.—*File Photo by J.W. Sternickle*

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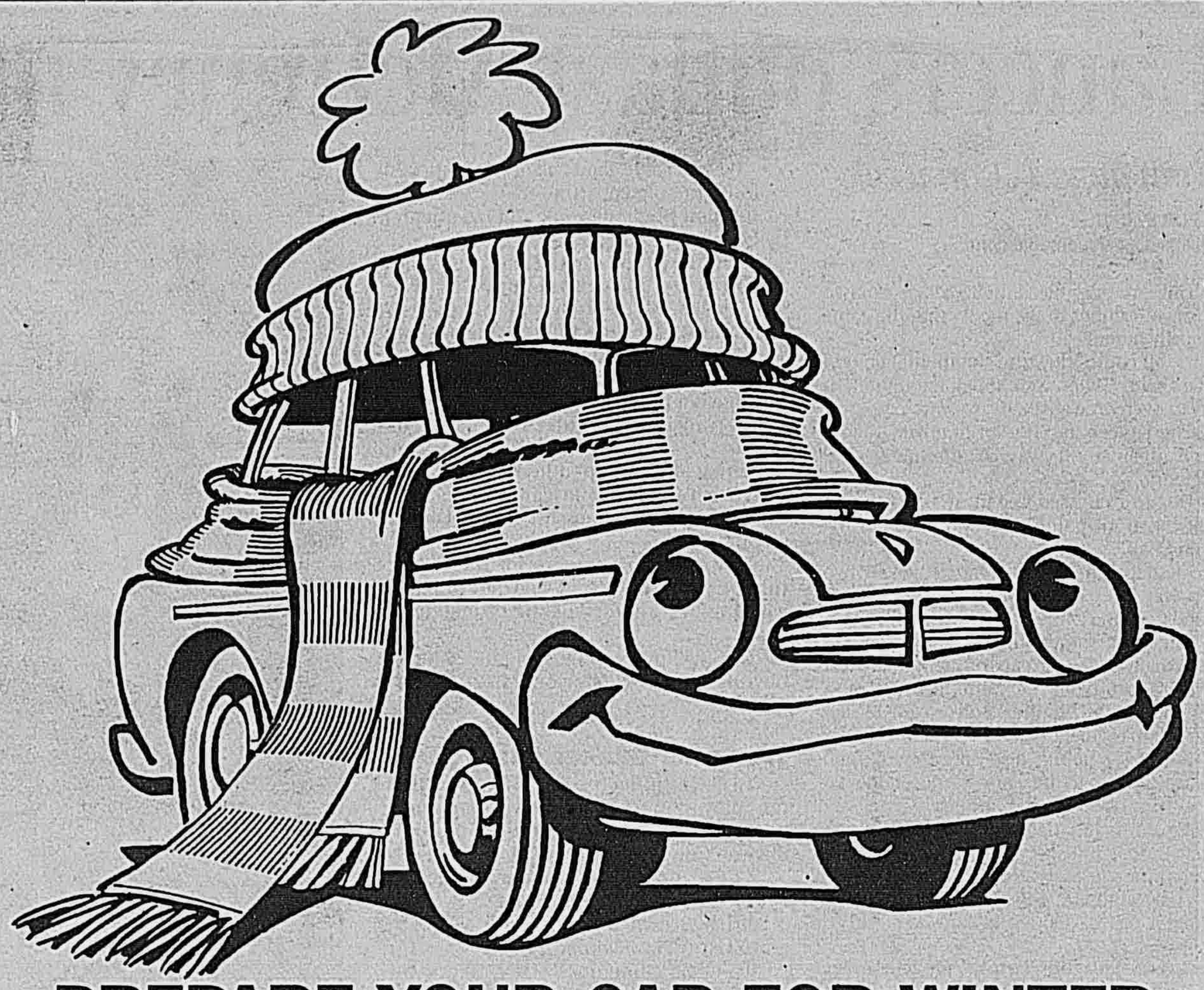
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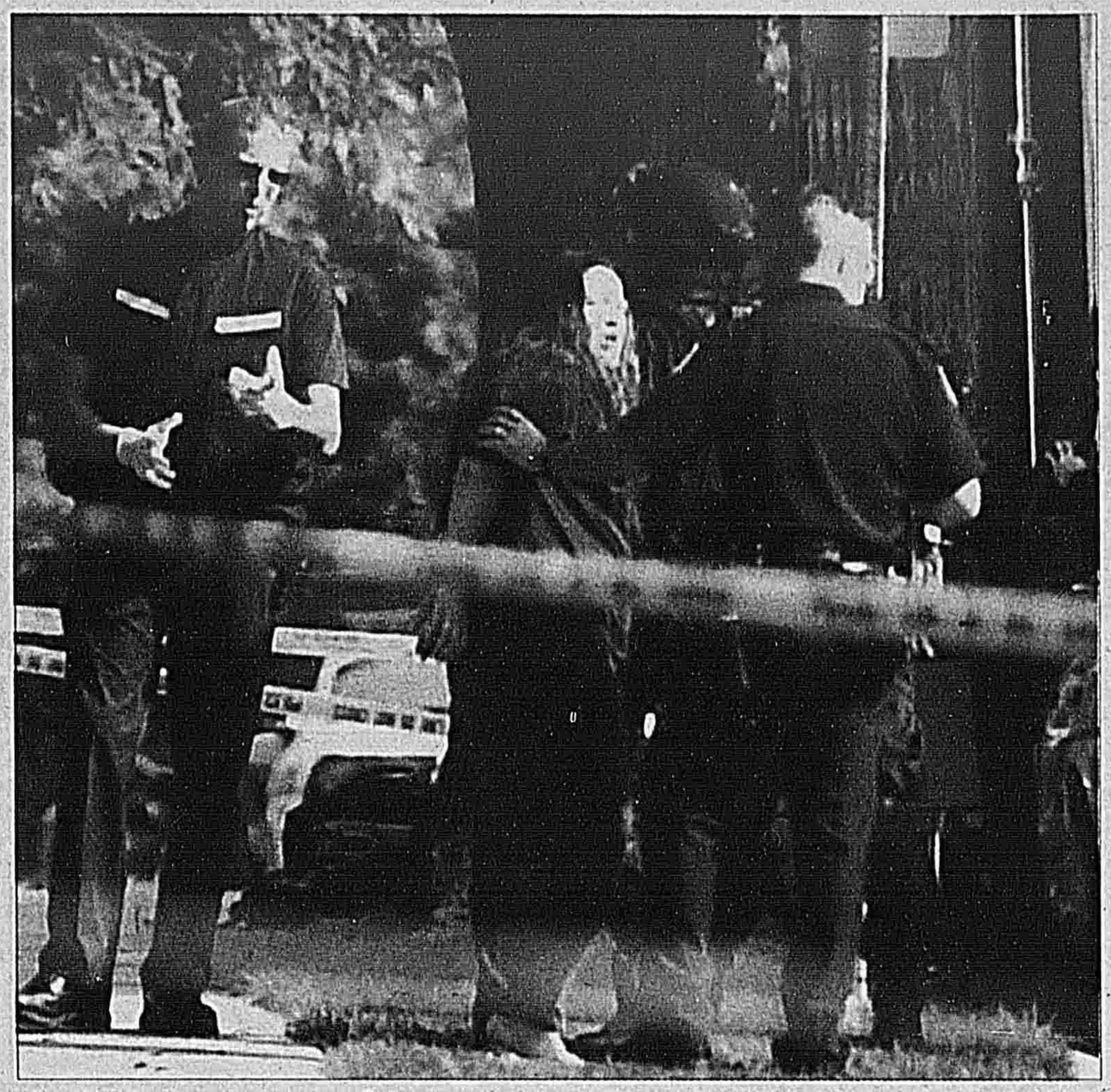
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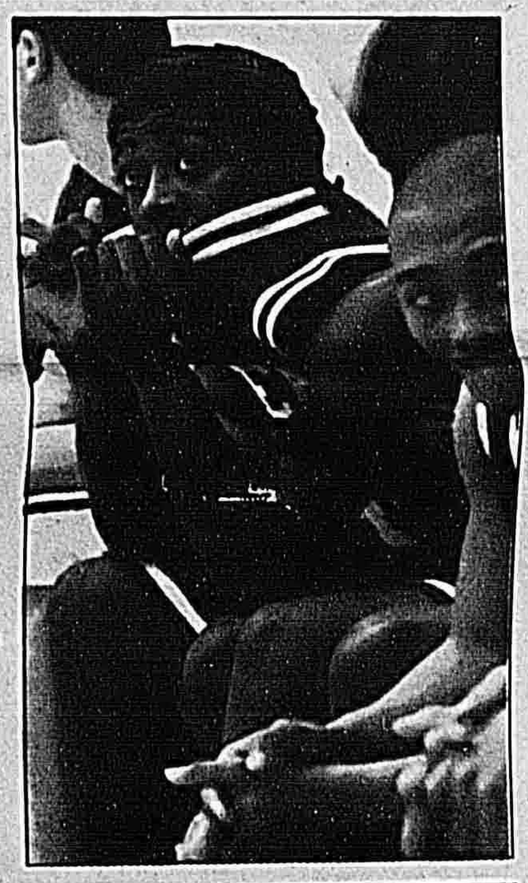


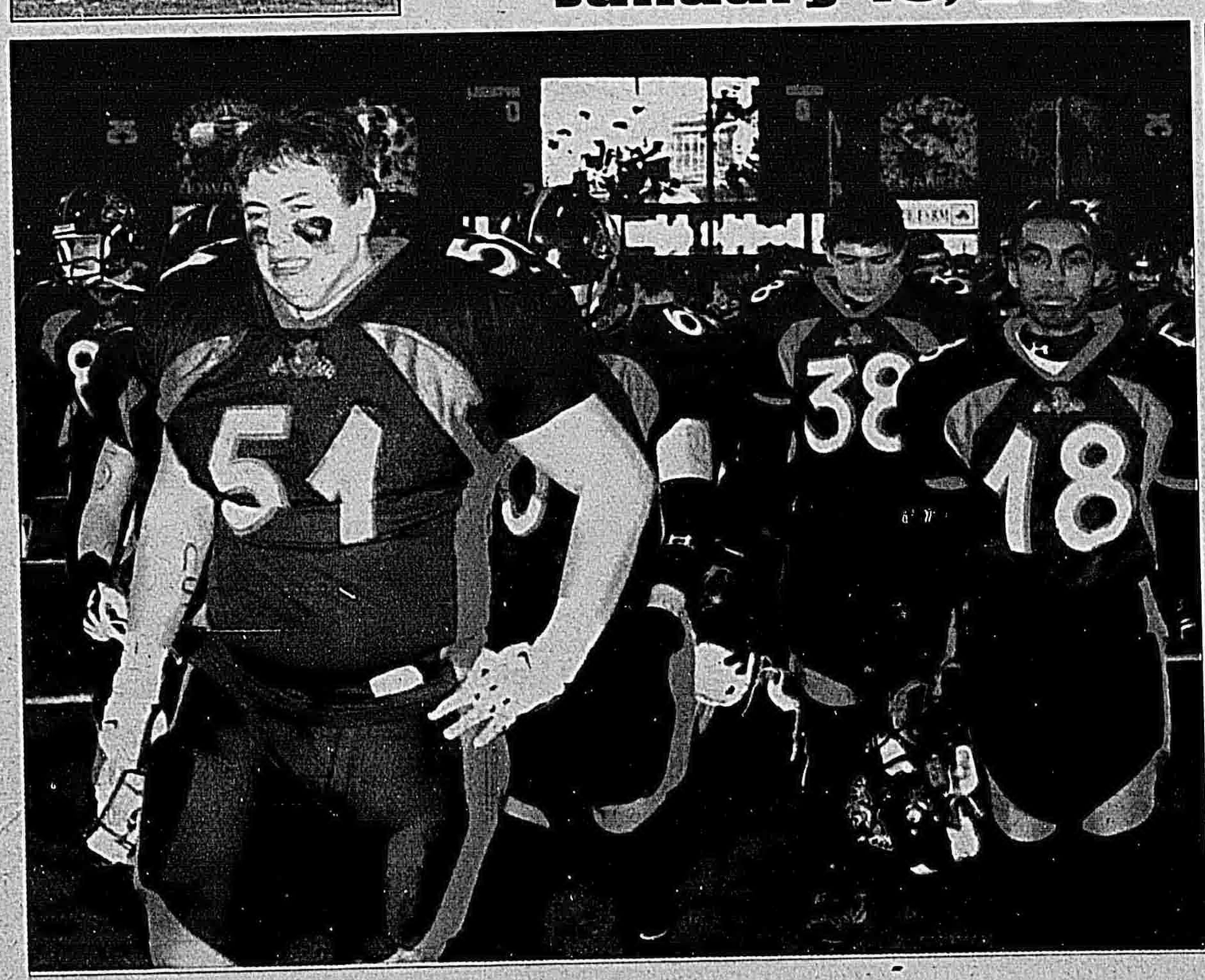


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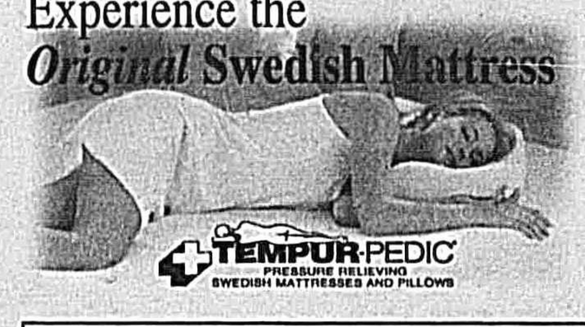
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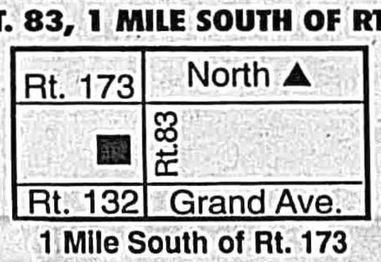
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Lakeland Newspaper's Top 10 Stories of 2003

No. 1

Garbage workers walk the picket lines

Dirty, smelly, filthy garbage began piling up at businesses and homes all over Lake County becuase Teamsters Local 731 and Local 301—representing area garbagemen—went on strike against the Chicago Area Refuse Haulers Association for a better contract.



Members of Teamsters Local 301 picket outside the Waste Management and recycling facility on Route 83 in Grayslake.

In early October, members of Teamsters Local 301 began carrying signs and picketing in front of the Waste Management Processing Facilities in Grayslake and Antioch.

And although the strikers said they were told by Teamster officials not to give their names, and that they have been ordered not to comment or block any trucks from entering the facility, one of them said, "If they are union truck drivers, they had better honor our strike."

There are 16 members of the Chicago Area Refuse Haulers Association including: Onyx Waste Services, Allied Waste industries and Waste Management.

The strike will have an effect on waste removal in the entire Chicagoland area, including virtually all of Lake and McHenry counties.

According to teamster officials they are asking for a pay increase of $3.30 per hour over three years but they have been offered only $2.25 per hour over five years.

The Teamster's garbage men top wage is currently $21 an hour according to Local 731 spokesperson Rob Black.

"It is actually now a lockout by the Haulers Association," said Black. The Teamsters strike began at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, but we were willing to bargain throughout the night. However, the Association basically got up, stopped bargaining and walked out."

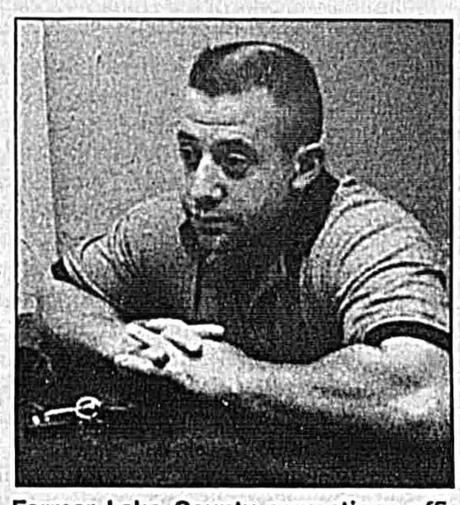
No. 2

Ex-corrections officer alleges corruption

According to allegations made by former Lake County corrections officer, Mike Horowitz, criminals are on both sides of the bars within the Lake County Jail system.

At an Aug. 12 Lake County Board meeting, Horowitz presented a five-page document alleging 24 separate counts of corruption within the Sheriff's and the Corrections Departments. Horowitz tried to read from his document during the public comment portion of Tuesday's meeting, but was quickly shut down by Chairman Suzi Schmidt who told him, "This is not the proper place to take this." Board member David Stohlman, of Buffalo Grove, concurred with Schmidt and said that regardless of the validity of the allegations made by Horowitz, that his charges should go through the Law and Judicial Committee of the County Board or the state's attorney's office.

Some of Horowitz's allegations include accusations of brutality by former Lake County Director of Corrections Charles DeFilippo, pension fund fraud committed by Sheriff Del Re, the theft of personal property of jail inmates, kickbacks to DeFilippo from the food service provider to the jail, falsification of hourly records, illegal use of Sheriff's Department credit cards for personal use, illegal sales of stolen jewelry which were tied to a convicted former Chicago Detective, drug dealing, cash payoffs to Undersheriff Gary Stryker as well as to Del Re and the purchase of faulty equipment under no-bid contracts authorized by Del Re.


Former Lake County corrections officer Mike Horowitz has made some large allegations of wrongdoing against county jail and sheriff officials.

No. 3

Geo-Karis launches probe into St. Therese


State Rep. Eddie Washington (D-Waukegan) leads a November rally at Vista's Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan.

State Senator Adeline Geo-Karis (R-Zion) launched her own in-depth investigation into the financial and practical matters surrounding the proposed closing of St. Therese Hospital in Waukegan.

The hospital, previously owned by Provena, is in the process of transfer to Vista Health Care, which also owns Victory Memorial Hospital.

Vista is planning to close St. Therese and consolidate services at Victory, while building and establishing a new hospital in Lindenhurst.

In late December, the senator asked Vista Health CEO Tim Harrington to provide her with detailed records including profit and loss statements for both St. Therese and Victory Memorial hospitals for years 2000-02, copies of balance sheets, average daily census, payer mix, status of mortgages, status of accreditation, payroll information and tax returns.

Vista complied with the request, and the senator and her staff are reviewing the information.

"We are waiting for the senator to digest the information," said Harrington. "We are hoping to get her support."

He said the next step in the process would be filing a Certificate of Exemption with the Health Facilities Planning Board (HFPB), to officially consolidate the ownership of St. Therese and Victory under the Vista corporate umbrella.

Following that, if all goes as planned, a Certificate of Need would be filed, to get HFPB approval to move ahead with the physical consolidation and new building.

"The old standard required four beds for every 1,000 of population," he explained. "The new standard is .9 beds for every 1,000." He said the allotment would be well over the minimum, with the consolidation producing a net increase of 12 beds over the current configuration. An additional 120 beds would be located in the Lindenhurst hospital.

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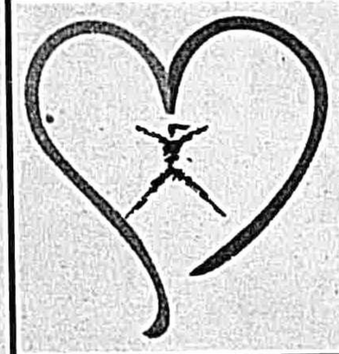
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No. 4

Exotic animal trainer faces abuse allegations

An animal rights activist group is urging the immediate confiscation of 98 elephants and tigers belonging to an area circus animal trainer.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) responded to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's leveling of charges on April 9 which include alleged violations of the Animal Welfare Act against John Cuneo, owner of Hawthorn Corporation, which professionally rents and trains circus animals nationally from its headquarters in rural Grayslake.

Those accusations say Hawthorn Corp. physically abused elephants causing harm and discomfort, failed to provide veterinary care to an emaciated elephant and unsafe public contact according to PETA director Debbie Leahy.

Leahy said several of Cuneo's elephants have had deadly foot problems, human strains of tuberculosis, bacterial infections and that the animals have come in unsafe contact with the public.

"(Cuneo) has one of the worst records we've ever seen," Leahy said. "We've been monitoring Hawthorn for years. His elephants have been involved in rampages that have caused deaths and injuries."

PETA, Lahey said, is most concerned about a 51-year-old elephant named "Loda," which gained heavy local media attention in 1990, when it was given to Hawthorn from the Milwaukee County Zoo.

"(Cuneo) made an agreement to not use her in shows," Lahey said. "He violated that agreement and now she has contracted a human strain of tuberculosis.

"We're very concerned that if she's not confiscated soon, she's going to die."

If PETA is successful in its push to liberate the animals from Cuneo's control, it would send the elephants to a sanctuary in Tennessee, Lahey said.

"I've written to him in the past, appealing to let Loda retire," Lahey said. "He flat out refuses (to retire her). This year's charges are just some in a long history of rampages, violations and deaths linked to Hawthorn Corporation, according to a PETA timeline.

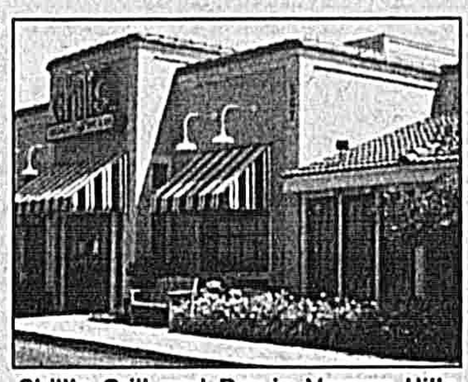
Cuneo and his company have had official charges brought forth only twice, said USDA spokesman Jim Rogers. The USDA regulates the Class C animal handlers' licenses, which Cuneo has.

Rogers confirmed that those prior charges were dismissed—one in March 1998 and another in May 1996. Both times, Cuneo settled out-of-court for fines of $60,000 and $12,500 respectively in administrative court proceedings.

No. 5

Chili's salmonella case count climbs

The number of people infected with salmonellosis at the Vernon Hills Chili's Bar and Grill is on the rise with over 120 patrons still reporting symptoms and 64 confirmed cases.



Chili's Grill and Bar in Vernon Hills has voluntarily closed due to several apparent cases of salmonella poisoning.—*Photo by Sandy Bressner*

As a result of the disease nine people received hospital care and were released.

"The restaurant has been closed voluntarily since July 1. All food workers have been tested and the restaurant will reopen when tests indicated that the food workers are free of the diseases," said Leslie Piotrowski, communications manager of the Lake County Health Department.

Preliminary results of the epidemiological study reported the disease didn't point to food but rather one employee with the lack of hand washing who had the disease and contaminated multiple food items and equipment, Piotrowski said.

"Upon receiving the first report on June 30, we began an investigation to contain this outbreak," said Health Department Executive Director Dale Galassie. "We believe there are individuals who are unaware they are infected who could spread the disease, and continue to suffer without proper medical attention."

Health officials ask those who have eaten at Chili's, 567 E. Town Line Road, between June 23 and July 1, and have developed diarrhea, fever and/or stomach cramps, to see a physician and wash their hands to prevent spreading the illness.

Salmonellosis is spread by eating contaminated food or by contact with an infected person who failed to wash hands after using the restroom.

"Chili's began working closely with the Health Department to thoroughly investigate the situation to try to determine what caused the problem," said Louis Adams, a Chili's representative."The investigation is continuing at this time, but no precise cause has been determined so far."

No. 6

Local races come down to the wire

Although absentee votes were at an all-time high—many voters were out of town because of spring break—the overall turnout was a major disappointment, says Lake County Clerk Willard Helander,

"Apparently we had no one in town," Helander said. "But the absentee ballots were higher than that in a presidential or gubernatorial election."

Only 75,358 of the county's 344,127 registered voters turned out for the April 1 general elections.

That represents a large dip from the 2001 local elections. Helander said roughly 22 percent voted this year, while 2001 saw 29 percent, 1999 saw 25 percent and 1997 saw 27 percent.

Unfortunately for some, those were votes they desperately needed, as nine races were decided by only seven votes or less.

In the Lakeland Newspapers coverage area, 26 candidates found themselves under a hundred votes from victory.

The hard-luck loser of election night had to be Shawn Vogel of Grayslake, running for village trustee. Vogel was hoping that three times would be a charm in his third attempt at the post. He fell three shy of incumbent Paul Reblin.

Vogel said he will probably ask for a recount.

"I'm not doing it to be spiteful, but I don't have anything to lose. Three votes is pretty close, so you never know."

Round Lake's Yolanda Lomeli missed election to village trustee by five votes, but won't ask for a recount.

"Probably not. I think I'm going to take my loss in stride," Yomeli said. "It was very close and there's a good possibility I'll run again in two years."

Bud Osmond, a Lake Villa trustee candidate, look for a recount. Osmond came up three votes short in his election try.

"He won't do that, it's not in our nature, it's not worth it to put Joyce through that," said Osmond's wife, Joanne.

With about one-out-of-five registered voters going to the polls, it makes the result sometimes hard to swallow.

Having narrow margins of victory or defeat can all be just a matter of where your name appears on the ballot, said Wadsworth four-time trustee Glenn Ryback.

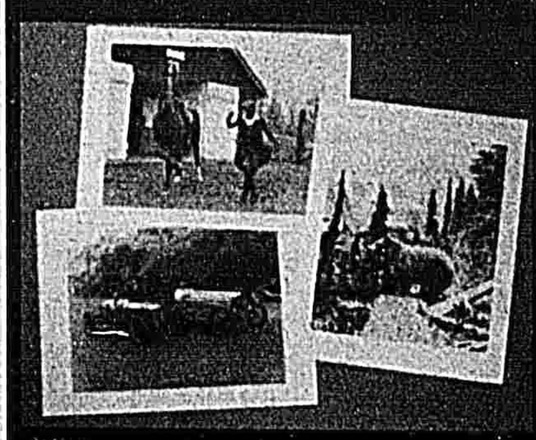
"What a difference being first on the ballot order makes," said Ryback, who himself was almost bumped from office, winning the third spot by only 11 votes.

"People sometimes will assume that just because you're on the ballot, you'll win. Should I go forward again (for re-election in four years), it's important people know you need their support."

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No. 7

County moves to nab Hastings

At a special meeting held on-site at Hastings Lake, the Lake County Forest Preserve Land Acquisitions Committee voted unanimously to approve the purchase of 254 acres of land from the Hastings Lake YMCA, at a cost of $10 million.



Tom Hahn, Lake County Forest Preserve Director of Land Preservation describes the parcel of land to be acquired from the Hastings Lake YMCA.

Although the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago will retain the membership center, containing an indoor pool and fitness center, as well as 11 acres of surrounding land, that property is deed-restricted.

Terms of the agreement give the forest preserve first refusal rights should the YMCA later decide to sell the property.

The deal is expected to be approved by the forest preserve board on April 18. The closing is planned for July of this year.

A parcel of 2.5 acres on the northwest, fronting Grass Lake Road just east of Gelden and west of the membership entrance near Beck, will be transfefred to the Lake Villa Fire Protection District for a heretofore-undisclosed price. That closing will likely take place within a month after the forest preserve takes possession of the property. "This is a great example of intergovernmental and interorganizational relationships," said Tom Hahn, Lake County Director of Land Preservation, as he detailed the deal for the committee. The property includes an 80-acre lake with 12,000 feet of shoreline surrounded by open fields, woodlands and wetlands. Though described as "somewhat degraded," the wetlands have high water quality and hydrology values, according to Hahn.

No. 8

Mock drill puts county on alert

As the nation went on a heightened alert status this week—Level Orange—Lake County too is ratcheting up its readiness in case of catastrophe.

Starting May 12, local disaster scenarios in the Top Officials 2 (TOPOFF2) drill included a plane crash at Midway Airport, a clandestine biological lab raid on Chicago's West Side and multiple strategic national stockpile sites to distribute medicine—including one in Lake Bluff.

The $16 million, real-time bioterrorism exercise was a congressionally-mandated, federally funded simulated terrorist drill utilizing weapons of mass destruction.

In our backyard, local agencies were tested in their ability to distribute, ration and protect medicine used to treat pneumonic plague.

According to Jim Schultz, Director of the Lake County Emergency Management Agency, the county was well prepared to handle the demands of TOPOFF2.

In fact, the county was well prepared even before emergency awareness was raised by the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

"We had a terrorism plan in place prior to Sept. 11," Schultz said. "When 9/11 happened, we were ready."

He noted that, during the anthrax scare that followed the terrorist attacks, the county had two of three test kits in northern Illinois, and were able to quickly reassure those who thought they had been exposed.

Response to the potential emergency was facilitated by the involvement of the Lake County Fire Chiefs Specialized Response Team.

The team was formed as a means of pooling resources after fire chiefs realized the costs of maintaining their own HAZMAT (hazardous materials) teams was prohibitive. The team functions in the same manner as MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System), drawing on the equipment and manpower of several agencies in an emergency.

No. 9

Will casino go to shuttered mall?

Obtaining a state casino license has long been a goal of the city of Waukegan.

But until a deal fell through between Emerald Casino and the city of Rosemont that Waukegan had a chance at the casino license—the 10th in the state in six years.

Emerald Casino was supposed to have a home in Rosemont but was waylaid when casino investors were accused of lying to the Illinois State Gaming Commission. Now the case is in court and the casino has filed bankruptcy.

Rosemont is fighting for reimbursement for expenses related to the plans to host the casino to the tune of $45 million, while the Attorney General's Office seeks $20 million in penalties from investors.

Waukegan is hoping to bid for the license after a settlement is reached. Revenue generated from the casino would be used to boost the city's economic growth.

"We're moving in that direction (to secure the license)," said Ray Vukovich, Waukegan's director of governmental affairs.

The city worked with S/L Waukegan Limited Partnership Corporation putting together the application for the gaming commission.

Since 1993, the partnership has been working to attract a casino to Waukegan.

Ten years ago when first planning for a casino, it was thought a gambling boat would help refurbish the lakefront area. Since the lakefront beautification project is well underway, funds would also be used for Waukegan's downtown redevelopment project. Lakehurst Mall is the desired location for a casino.

"By having it out at Lakehurst and having it closer to the expressway, the revenue would be substantially more," Vukovich said. "And Mayor Hyde's thinking is that we would be able to use a good deal of that revenue from the gaming boat to help the lakefront and the downtown area."

The city recently completed a $1.2 billion master plan for the downtown area and along Lake Michigan. That could be offset by a potential $24 million generated by a casino each year.

No. 10

Sheriff asks jail chief to quit

The July 9 resignation of Lake County Jail Director Charles DeFilippo, stemming from allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior, drew fire from 2002 sheriff's candidate Chuck Fagan on the running of the jail, and a sharp rebuttal from Sheriff Gary Del Re.



Lake County Jail director Charles DeFilippo accused of inappropriate sexual behavior by his boss, Sheriff Gary Del Re.

DeFilippo, 44, became Director of Corrections in April 2000, after 18-and-a-half with the department.

Del Re said he had reviewed copies of personal emails the jail director had allegedly exchanged with a 27-year-old woman in Zion.

The woman had shown authorities the email, and the Lake County State's Attorney's office reviewed possible charges, but found no evidence of criminal behavior, Del Re said.

The woman's complaint alleged that DeFilippo had engaged in unacceptable and inappropriate language of a sexual nature via the Internet. An investigation into the allegations by the Zion Police Department indicated that there had been no inappropriate conduct involving juveniles.

The Zion investigation also established that no physical contact of any kind occurred, but that contact was restricted to the consensual use of an Internet chat room.

Del Re told Lakeland Newspapers that although there was no basis for criminal charges, DeFilippo was asked to step down "because of the nature and tone of the conversation on the Internet. I could no longer keep (DeFilippo) in that capacity as director."

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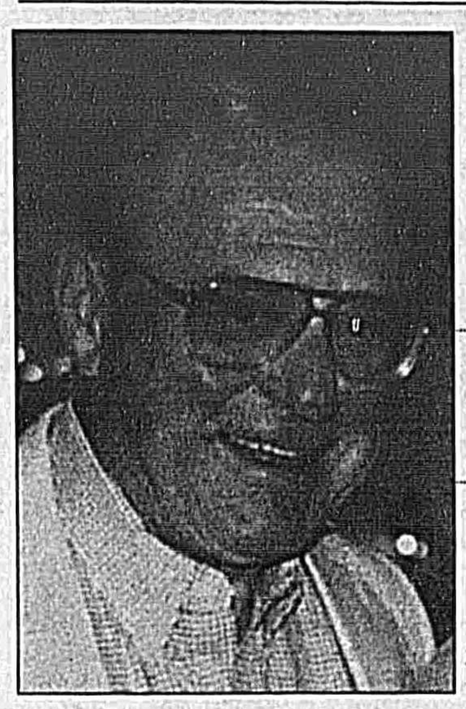
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Smiling server makes the day

Surly servers who speak in one word grunts are so common at fast food spots these days you forget that an understandable reply with a smile is supposed to be part of the deal.

After ordering a burger, fries and a soft drink, I was startled when a smiling order taker in easily understood language replied, "That's the same as our special meal deal. I rang your order up that way. That'll save you some money."

Well, fine. Nothing like saving a few pennies.

Moments later, while I balanced a tray to fill the catsup cup and picked up salt packets for the fries, the conversational counter guy with the ready grin passed by and inquired brightly, "Everything all right? Everything going OK?"

The question startled me. Something must be up. "Yes, yes. I'm doing fine. Are you the manager?" Why was the server being friendly and helpful?

Wiping off my table with a damp cloth, the congenial server replied, "Oh, no. I'm just doing my job. Hospitality is my job. Yes, hospitality."

Hummmm. What a novel idea. Serving fast food with a smile while being helpful and hospitable. Yes, something must be up. But what's the deal?

JANUARY 31

Students divided on threat of war

Kids have lots to say about world affairs and the U.S. getting involved in a war with Iraq. All you have to do is ask them what they're thinking.

The knowledge of global politics and depth of conviction of young people about our nation's role is both surprising and amazing. They just need an opportunity to speak out.

A group of sixth graders had the opportunity to voice their opinions in a class project conducted by their teacher Gregory Hemesath about whether or not American should go do war with Iraq. The children, ages 11 and 12, are students at Pleviak Elementary School, Lake Villa. Here's what some of them had to say:

Advocating a "bullet for Saddam's crazy head," Chris Harris, 11, pointed out that "If we take him out, the people following him will be too afraid to launch the missiles and America will be safe." Ty Ohren, 12, said, "Right now I think war is not the answer. So many things could go wrong like Iraq fighting back or Saddam start(ing) to bomb the United States." Ty added a "definite" no to war.

Raveena Cornelious, 11, expressed concern about the possible killing of millions of innocent people. "Some people might feel that we should go to war because what they did to our country....fighting...won't help anything. It will make things worse," stated Nicole Hildinger, 12.

Luke Krostal, 12, thinks military action will make the U.S. "safe and worry free." Luke added, "If we do not fight it will come back to haunt us." Brian Kukula, 11, was critical of the stand taken by France and Russia. "If they would open their eyes, they would see that Saddam Hussein has biochemical weapons....We should just go over to Iraq and get rid of the biochemical weapons."

Advocating war, Veronica Scaggs, 11, questions the innocense of Iraq's citizens. "Everyone has done something bad. Saddam is waiting for a yes from us because he doesn't care if his people die." Venessa Villarreal admitted that she is scared. She said she and her family will go to her grandmother's house if Chicago is bombed. "The U.S. should keep its big nose out of other country's business. It's their problem, not ours," she insisted. Shaolin Bez, 12, said the constroversy isn't worth the life of her sister who is going to Iraq soon.

Cody Wachholder, 11, said "if they didn't bomb the World Trade Center then we would still be normal." War will be an act of revenge, according to Cody. Abby Flores, 13, pointed out that war will invite retaliation. "He can send more of his terrorist men to the U.S." Rachel Abarbanell, 11, sees war as playing into the hands of Saddam Hussein. She said she hopes President Bush changes his mind.

When challenged in school and at home, sixth grade is about the age young people become interested in public issues. Whether they take questions of the day seriously depends on their home and school environment. If there are young people in your home, do you discuss world affairs? The sixth graders at Pleviak School are off to a good start. Hope they keep up their interest and willingness to exchange opinions.

MARCH 14

Gutsy telemarketer: Say a kind word

Eighteen persons convinced me that telemarketing is as American as apple pie and that telemarketers are upstanding, honorable citizens. (If convincing was necessary).

They are members of the dedicated, hard-working staff of telemarketers employed by the company that publishes this newspaper. Lakeland Media telemarketers contact potential customers about placing private party want ads. They provide subscription ordering service. All of them work part-time. They range in age from college students to senior citizens. Some of them are single parents. Several are in the military.

The Lakeland telemarketers work Monday through Thursday from 5-8:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. They're polite, not pushy. And they don't get angry when treated bruskly or with disrespect. The Lakeland staffers understand what "no" means. They have cheerful dispositions and move on when rejected.

Lakeland's telemarketing team is a tiny spec of an industry that fuels the American economy. Statistics show that in 2002, 185 million purchases representing approximately $296 billion in sales were generated by telemarketers. Short-sighted citizens and complacent politicians want to put this industry out of business or muzzle telemarketing into the back-waters of commerce.

About half the states, including Illinois and Wisconsin, have or are putting into operation "do not call" lists. The federal government is getting into the act with its own version of call registries to be operated by the Federal Trade Commission. Don't our senators and congressmen have enough problems without getting into the "do not call" business?

Until the same folks griping about telemarketing calls turn their attention to junk mail and e-mail spam, I'll say "phooey" to their bruised sensibilities. More power to the brave warriors of the land lines, those fearless telemarketers.

APRIL 11

Cubs-Yanks series time to remember

This is the week the Chicago baseball clock gets turned back 65 years. The New York Yankees are coming back to Wrigley Field for the first time since 1938. That match up was for the championship of the world. The 2003 series is the result of the wonders of inter-league scheduling. But there's still the sizzle of history with Cubs vs. Yanks on the schedule.

That long ago pennant season was a memorable year for the North Siders. Twenty-one game winning streak, Gabby Hartnett's "Homer in the Glow'min," Dizzy Dean coming over from the Cardinals, all-time Cub favorites like pitcher Big Bill Lee, Stan Hack, Billy Herman, Billy Jurges in their prime, a young Phil "Phillybuck" Cavaretta playing in his hometown, aging Charlie Root still able to win games. The Cubs even had a touch of New York magic, picking up ex-Yank infielder Tony Lazzeri for the pennant year.

What a time for a kid to get hooked on baseball. That also was the year the kid also got hooked on reading newspapers (devouring all the Cub news and making a team scrapbook). The newspaper interest eventually would turn into a lifetime career.

New York swaggered into Chicago with one of the best ever Yankee teams—Gehrig, a young Joe DiMaggio, Dickey, Ruffing, Gomez. No wonder they swept the series in four. The Yanks hardly worked up a sweat. The 1938 opportunity became one more chapter of Cub futility.

Is there a score to settle? Not really. That revenge stuff is for sportswriters and coaches trying to keep their jobs. What the 2003 weekend Cub-Yankee series amounts to, beyond purely baseball business of winning and making money, is an opportunity to reminisce, dream a little. We just did. Thanks for the memories.

JUNE 6

Turning gridlock into profitable time

A traffic survey found that Chicago area drivers waste an average of 61 hours a year stuck in rush-hour delays. They couldn't have talked to Lake County area commuters who have learned to turn those gridlock hours into productive time.

Who conducts surveys like lost time waiting for traffic lights to change? Researchers from the Texas Transportation Institute at Texas A&M University can be thanked—or blamed—depending on your viewpoint. They also found that we live in the fifth worst congested region, ranked behind Los Angeles, San Francisco/Oakland, Denver and Miami.

Oh, yeah. Wanna bet? Coming off I-94 has to be as rough as anywhere in the country. We Lakelanders are real road warriors. Battle tested. Ever work your way through the Route. 83 and 120 bottleneck? Count the light changes at Route. 137 and Milwaukee Avenue. Or put a stopwatch on drive time for route 60 and 22 or LakeCook.

Leave it to those Texans to come up with the answers. They tell us to put in more commuter trains. Or go techy with whiz-bang electronics that gets the most out of traffic signals. The researchers also mentioned carpooling and lane designation for cars with multi-passengers. That latter idea would test the will power of Lakeland residents who insist it is their God-given right to commute in solitude. The only company they want is Spike or Don and Roma in the morning; Roe and Gary at night. So there!

We were tied with Phoenix for fifth. That must have been a sick joke. We don't enjoy palm trees at the end of our commutes. Or those bracing 115 degree temps at the end of a day at work. Besides bumper-to-bumper traffic, those guys in the Valley have to fight lots of smog, too.

The national gridlock study didn't list a single Lone Star metro area, by the way. The Texas answer to gridlock is pouring more concrete. And driving like crazy. Catching a flight to DFW International is a breeze if you're willing to tailgate at 75 mph.

Final thought. Tell those Texas guys we don't waste time in gridlock. Don't they know that's when you read the paper, put on makeup, finish shaving, schedule day care, call the office, heat the coffee, fill out the grocery list, work the laptop; all sorts of important stuff. Drive time tests your time management skills. So let's re-think this jive about wasting time in gridlock.

We've learned to put those 61 hours to good use.

OCTOBER 10

Voice of Packers sours Bear visitors

Disconsolate Bear fans, returning from a season-killing defeat at Green Bay, reported that Packer fans haven't yet forfeited their reputation as being some of the most obnoxious in sportsdom.

Often described as being "zealous" and "fanatical," behavior of far too many Packer backers game day in a word can be expressed as "disgusting." Make that two words. "Really disgusting."

Taking the cake, as they say, was a 20-something male at the latest Bear-Packer clash who appeared to have started tailgating about 24 hours before game time. With his food intake all high octane alcohol, at kickoff he could hardly stand, but he still could yell. Just about every imaginable obscenity spewed out of the super-fan's mouth. He only took time out to catch his breath and inject fresh dip. Mr. Packer Jerk ran the gamut of insults from A to Z, taking special delight in a voice of fog-horn velocity, onlookers related, disparaging various parts of the female anatomy. Besides, the guy smelled like he had taken a pre-game nap on a manure pile.

Nearby Packer loyalists, including a group of grandmothers, chose to ignore the boorish behavior. Were they numb? Part of the Green Bay sideshow?

After the game turned sour for Bear backers in the second half, it was easy for many of them to head home early, especially those who had to put up with the vocal tirade of the nauseating spectator with bad manners, bad language and bad, bad BO.

Time to clean up that act.

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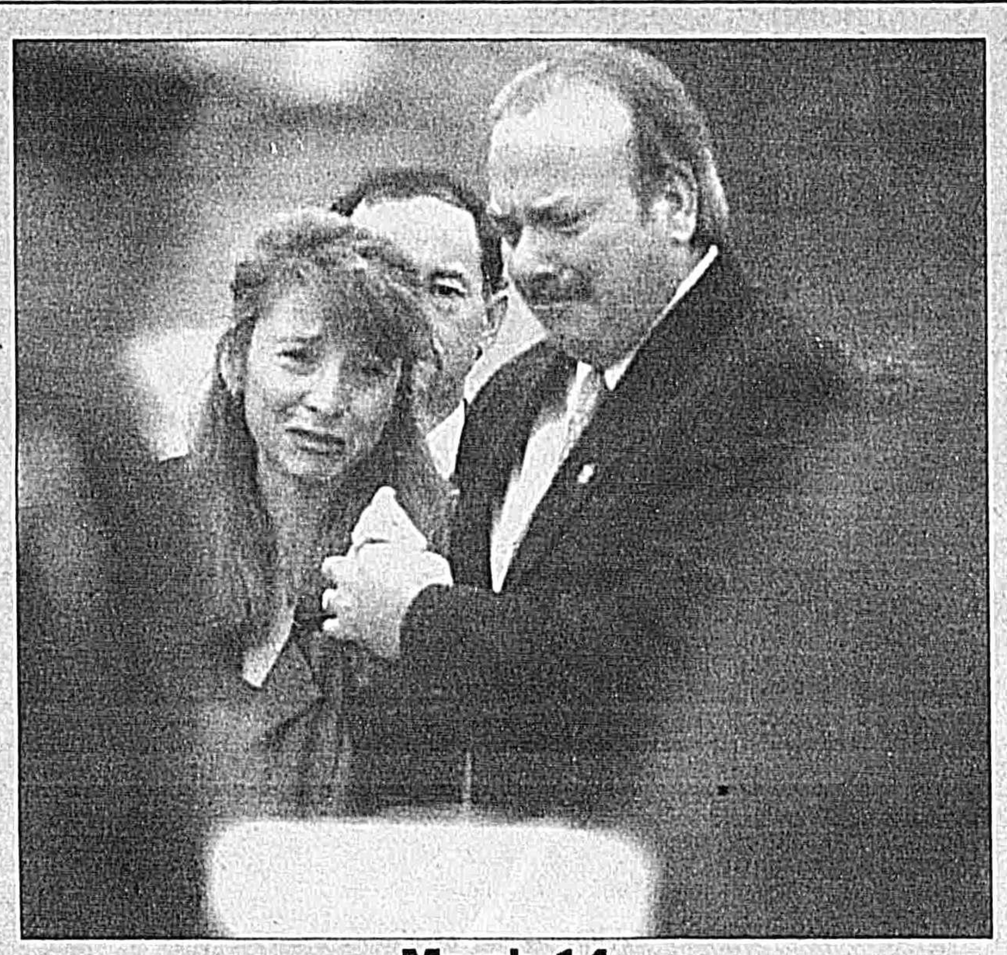
Top Stories of 2003

Wal-Mart is approved, at least officially

Despite last ditch efforts by residents Sandi Siegmeier and Sandra Griggs to dissuade board members from voting in favor of the ordinances that would allow Wal-Mart, the necessary documents will now be put in place.

Trustees Barbara Porch and Larry Hanson cast no votes across the board. In two instances, a supermajority vote was required and Mayor Taso Maravelas voted favorably.

Tim Barrett of Great Lakes Principals (GLP), the developer bringing Wal-Mart to Antioch, agreed that Wal-Mart would cover the cost of testing water quality if the Village of Antioch put the monitoring system in place. Trustee Dorothy Larson clarified that if substandard results were obtained, it would be up to Wal-Mart to cover any costs incurred in remedying the situation.



March 14

Rosa Juarez, widow of Waukegan Police Chief Miguel Juarez, mourns as her husband's casket is placed into the hearse. Juarez died March 4 of an apparent heart attack.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

Moratorium changes shape

A moratorium proposed to allow the Village of Antioch the time to change aspects of its zoning and neighborhood ordinances as well as the Comprehensive Plan needs to change shape before it will help to shape the future of Antioch.

Committee and board members met in a special meeting to discuss instating moratoria in three stages based on the three corridors entering Antioch as well as on the pressures to develop. Those three corridors are the east portion of Route 173, Route 83 and Route 173 west of Route 59.

Initially, the board elected to have one 18-month moratorium. Bob Silhan, director of planning, zoning and building, recommended the three-stage plan to make the action more legally defendable. Each stage, and or corridor, would be taken individually for a period of six months. "There should be specific objectives to be accomplished within a relatively short period of time," he said.

School flips switch on gas-to-energy project

It's not the smell of methane that has had officials of Community High School District 117 holding their collective breath, but the holdups that have delayed the Antioch Community High School's (ACHS) landfill gas-to-energy (LFGTE) project.

Earlier in 2003, hesitancy on the part of the board of directors of the village of Antioch to sign a memorandum of understanding with held up completion that had been anticipated for mid-April.

Centennial Park gets ice rinks

Get the old ice skates sharpened, Centennial Park will have two new ice skating rinks up and ready to go before the beginning of the year.

One of the rinks will be large enough to accommodate hockey at 30 by 80 feet, and the second will rink of 24 by 35 feet will be used for younger children and less experienced skaters. Both will be situated close to the pavilion to provide a space to change from shoes to skates as well as to sit and rest.

Stahl said a Centennial Park fund had been established when the park was built 10 years ago, and that the account has a balance of about $15,000. She said the cost of the two rinks and the hockey nets should end up costing about $4,000 once the wood siding is purchased and the rinks installed.

Clock tower's home definite

Though it took two motions, two votes and tie-breaking votes by the mayor, the proposed clock tower has found a definite home at the northeast corner of Main and Orchard streets.

The initial motion was to approve a resolution that said "if" nothing unfavorable about that location was brought to light at the end of the Route 83 corridor study, "then" the location would be approved. Village attorney Bob Long said he had tried to come up with the magic words that would settle the issue.

Members of the committee said lack of location was thwarting their efforts to raise money to build the tower, projected to cost $200-250,000. The goal in selecting this location is to have a spot that will show off the clock tower and make it accessible to those interested in seeing it.

The 50-foot tower will house a clock that will be electrically wound and will have two bells. The hourly bell would be louder and ring at the top of the clock, and quarter hours would be both lower in tone and ring from a lower position. The clock itself is an original Seth Thomas from 1917, and would account for about $50,000 of the project's total cost.

IDNR purchase expands slough

Real estate finesse and mediation by CorLands Corporation for Openlands made it possible for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to purchase 110 acres of property adjacent to the Red Wing Slough. The property is located east of Deep Lake Road and south of North Avenue in unincorporated Antioch.

Before IDNR takes possession of the entire parcel, Land and Water Resources, Inc., a private company that maintains a "wetland bank" will take charge of a 47-acre portion until it is able to sell the "wetland credits" to developers. Once the wetland restoration is established, IDNR will have full ownership.

Historical society garners awards

Two awards have been bestowed upon the Lakes Region Historical Society (LRHS) by the Illinois Association of Museums. Both awards are tied into the work the society has done in restoring Antioch's oldest standing building that is now named the Meeting House.

Project manager and current Vice President Earl Beese said the first award, an award of excellence, was for the building restoration itself and the second award, an award of merit, was for a photographic exhibit of the process of rehabilitating the building.

The Meeting House is located on Main Street south of Lake Street and can be seen by anyone driving through the village. The photographic exhibit "Progress Display - 1863 Restoration Project" is on display inside the Meeting House.

Police seize 20 pounds of pot

Two weeks of joint investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office and the Antioch Police Department led to the arrest of Timothy George Camphouse, 32, of 660 Garys Drive, Antioch, on July 21 at 3:30 p.m. for the possession of over 20 pounds of cannabis with the intent to distribute.

Additionally, $3,525 in cash and other controlled substances such as Valium and Vicadin were found in the home when the search warrant was executed.

According to police, Camphouse likely paid about $1,800 per pound for the cannabis that carries a street value well over $50,000.

EPA says HOD ready for reuse

One of Antioch's largest problem areas in the past, the HOD Landfill Superfund site, is now cleaned up and portions of it are ready to be converted into sports fields for Antioch Community High School (ACHS).

In 2002, a team assembled by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) made a presentation to the Antioch Township board of directors, the board of directors of the Village of Antioch and to the board of education of Community High School District 117 showing what the HOD Landfill site combined with a 121-acre tract could become.

The high school will use about 30 acres of the cleaned-up, grass-covered landfill that is adjacent to the school for multipurpose athletic fields. Eventually, there will be four soccer fields, three softball fields, one field hockey field, twelve tennis courts and a cross-country course. Additionally, an area of wetland will be used as an environmental teaching laboratory.

Midwest's style takes show

Who says a motorcycle builder has to live on the West Coast to build an award-winning chopper?

Midwest Choppers, Inc. of Antioch made a its mark on the custom motorcycle industry at the Easy Rider Custom Bike Show in Memphis, Tenn. A bike built by the shop brought home a first-place trophy in a category similar to a people's choice award in its debut showing.

Dan "Boone" Kearns, service manager and vice president, said, "I thought we'd walk away with a 'thank you' at best. It's a tough task to win the spectator class when you're not a local."

Kearns explained that a local builder would have the advantage in a spectators' class because the locals who make up a majority of the spectators would know more about a hometown builder and there would be greater name recognition. "The bike really has to stand on its own merits when you're relatively unknown because you're from out of town," he added.

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Gavin North closed, grade levels adjust

Gavin District 37 officials closed Gavin North School in 2003-04.

Structural problems discovered at the 46-year-old school forced the school board to make that decision at its June meeting.

The new arrangement for enrollment is pre-kindergarten through first grade will be moved to Gavin Central School at 36414 N. Ridge Avenue in Ingleside. Fifth-grade students will be moved to Gavin South Junior High School, located at 25775 W. Highway 134 in Ingleside. District offices and staff will be moved to spaces at Gavin South Junior High. About 300 pre-kindergarten and first grade students attended Gavin North last year.

Neighbors state objections to restaurant parking plan

Approximately 40 neighbors and property owners jammed the Fox Lake Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to give their concerns about the four years since Famous Freddie's Roadhouse opened.

At issue regarding the 510 Park Avenue site is a request for off-site parking from owner Fred Hoffman. ZBA members did not reach a conclusion on a recommendation, as a motion to approve it did not garner a second.

The petition was later amended to include a provision for a shuttle bus running between Moretti's and Famous Freddie's. That was under consideration as of an early December plan commission meeting.

Hoffman is applying for a special use permit to use 512 and 514 Park Avenue for off-site parking. Patrons using Moretti's, also owned by Hoffman, would risk having their vehicles ticketed and towed if they walked to Famous Freddie's. The plan calls for valet parking to be used during the restaurant's busiest times.

"There were 986 police calls there since it opened in April, 2000," said resident Christine Hansen, who also noted objections to noise levels.

Telephone tax pays for new village hall

Fox Lake Village Board members approved a telephone tax to pay for a new village hall planned move and police station improvement, but it was not without opposition.

Trustee Ted Beskow opposed the measure and voted against raising the tax to 4 percent. Trustee Cindy Irwin also expressed reservations, as did two businessmen at the finance committee hearing. The vote to approve the tax was 4-1 with Irwin abstaining. Beskow voted against it, while trustees Ed Bender, John Allsott, now former trustees Floyd Edwards and Steve Moulis voted in favor.

Village employees moved into the new village hall in December.

Village officials hope to renovate the satellite center building at 66 Thillen Drive for an estimated $1.5 to $1.8 million.

Township still buzzing as road boss retires

Jack Kiesgen sat back in the break room of the Grant Township garage on a late summer Friday afternoon a content public servant, his two dogs milling about.

Kiesgen served Grant Township for 40 years on staff then as highway commissioner. He resigned on Sept. 2, citing health reasons as the main concern. He and the town board agreed to name his wife, Kim Kiesgen, as the interim highway commissioner. He worked for Jack Smith, former highway commissioner, before he was elected to the position five times by Grant Township voters.

Scott takes reins at FWA

The Howard "Bud" Scott era as chairman of the Fox Waterway Board of Directors began as he and directors began terms at the Fox Lake based agency.

Mike Mueller, Nancy Cwynar and Jane Hummel were sworn in as directors. Mueller, of Antioch, is the Lake County area representative. He was the lone candidate in the April 1 race for the Lake County side. Cwynar and Hummel were elected in a contested race from McHenry County.

Vision for Lotus' new building praised

Fox Lake community residents, educators, parents, staff and guests celebrated another chapter in the village's history of education as Lotus School was officially dedicated with pomp and circumstance.

Residents turned out in the hundreds for the event at the Grass Lake Road school. The 70,000 square foot building opened for its 700 students on Sept. 10. It was part of a $11 million voter-approved referendum in 2000.

Lotus has a rich history. Lotus Country School dates back to 1924. The former building, that was knocked down and built around for the present school, was built in 1928. Lotus stood as its own district until it merged with Fox Lake in 1991.

The new building, for grades pre-kindergarten to fifth, has many features, including: 31 classrooms, district administrative offices, gymnasium, stage, cafeteria, library and art, science and computer labs, a modern security and technology system. Although school opened in September, students could use not all of the building until January.

Volo Auto Museum fights big competitor

A letter "v" could make all the difference in the world for Volo Auto Museum.

The 40-year-old museum, located on Volo Village Road, finds itself in a contentious debate with Volvo of North America due to similar sounding web sites. The auto company, a division of Ford Motor Company, proceeded against the museum's owners to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) over the matter.

The Grams family has operated the museum in western Lake County for four decades. It is home to 250 cars and specialty shops. Over the years, cars owned by Michael Jordan, Natalie Wood, Helen Brach, the Batmobile, the Dukes of Hazard car, KIPP the talking car, and many others, have called the museum home. Its web site is www.volocars.com, and includes a link to the Ford division if customers made a mistake.



November 11

Marine Staff Sgt. Luis Gonzalez is welcomed home at Great Lakes Naval Base by his wife Jamie after serving for nine months in the Persian Gulf. Gonzalez was deployed along with 282 other Marines from the Marine Wing Communications Squadron 48. The unit saw action in Iraq and included active duty and Marine Reserves from Lake County. — *Photo by J.W. Sternickle*

Man dies in icy Pistakee Lake

A 26-year-old died in a snowmobiling accident on the icy waters of Pistakee Lake.

Thomas J. Sieckowski, of Round Lake Beach, was pronounced dead at the scene in the early morning of Jan. 9. Lake County Coroner Barbara Richardson said that the cause of death was severe head and chest injuries.

His snowmobile was last seen in five feet of water on Jan. 8.

Fox Lake firefighters, meanwhile, were urging extreme caution in any further use of Chain O' Lakes ice this winter.

This comes after a male was found dead in the waters of Pistakee Lake after his snowmobile went through the ice. The 26-year-old victim was found after an early morning search on Jan. 9.

Budge hike in West Nile virus fight

Fox Lake Village Board members approved increasing the limit to spend on combating the problems caused by the mosquito-born West Nile virus.

Trustees approved a $40,000 to be spent, up from the previous limit of $25,000.

In Volo, a report on the West Nile fight showed that the number of states reporting the presence of West Nile is 42. The total number of human cases is 752 and the number of states reporting human cases is 30. There were two human cases in the state.

Water damage harms police station operation

Fox Lake Police Department continues to be wary of the impact a prisoner busting a sprinkler head had on operations after a summer incident. "Since the incident, there has been some residual effects. We have had to replace some components in the radio counsel. Some of the computers that were exposed, we do not know what the impact will be," said Police Chief Ed Gerretsen.

It was on Aug. 8 when prisoner Anthony R. Meehan, 21, of McHenry, caused an estimated $25,000 to $50,000 in water damage while he was in custody at the Fox Lake Police Station, police said.

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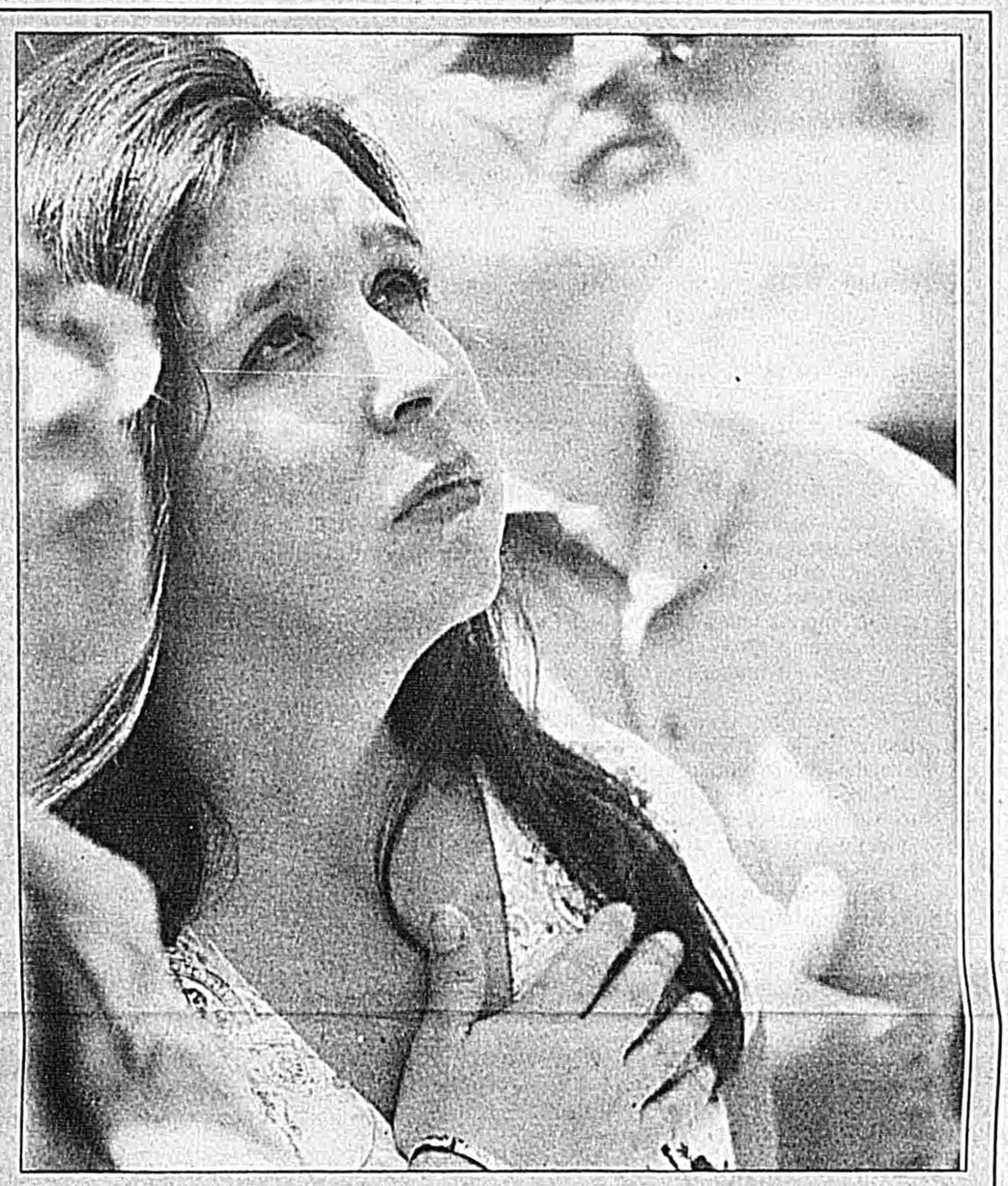
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Quadruplets come home

A month after the babies were born, Jerry and Tracy Larson were finally able to welcome home their quadruples girls. Hannah, Abigail, Zoe and Ella, who were born May 17 to the Grayslake couple, were able to go home for the first time after a month-long stay in Evanston Hospital.

Jerry and Tracy decided to try to have another child to give their now 2-year-old son, Noah, a little brother or sister. Both were shocked to learn they would be having quadruplets. Having never taken fertility drugs, Tracy is a true rarity. The chance of naturally conceiving quadruplets, as Tracy did, is about one in 800,000.

Still not over the initial shock of going from a family of three to a family seven, Jerry and Tracy are adjusting to their new way of life. Jerry's parents are staying with the couple for a month to lend a helping hand. Jerry's mother, Marilyn, is helping with the laundry, the feedings, the dishes and taking care of Noah while Jerry and Tracy adjust to taking care of four newborns.



September 19

Cristina Perez holds her hand to her heart as a flag is raised to half-staff during a ceremony at the Lake County Building in Waukegan in honor of the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

State grants charter school renewal

Despite the controversy surrounding the renewal of a Lake County Charter School, the Illinois State Board of Education approved the charter for the maximum numbers of years under the law.

Prairie Crossing Charter School (PCCS) in Grayslake will begin its five-year renewal in July of 2004 when the current charter expires.

The board showed the charter school is in compliance with both its original proposal and with the Illinois Charter School Law.

By Sept. 30 PCCS had to supply the Board of Education with modifications to the way the school operates, prior to giving the school the charter renewal.

The school came under fire when Woodland Dist. 50 superintendent Dennis Conti called the charter school "elitist" and that it was siphoning money from the district and taxpayers.

Local family trapped in Denmark

An unfortunate set of circumstances and an endless battle against bureaucracy have left a Grayslake family trapped in Denmark, unable to get back to their home.

Listbeth Filtenborg and her sons have resided in Grayslake since her husband Henrik took a position with Motorola's Libertyville location in 1994. However, what was supposed to be a 14-day trip to Denmark has turned into seven months of torment.

"Everything we have; our house, our pets, our beds and our money are all in Grayslake," Filtenborg said. "We've been living in a one- person apartment with the kids sleeping on the floor and living out of suitcases because there is not any closet space."

Ms. Filtenborg said the problems started right away in 1994. Miscommunication resulting in her husband's role with the company caused them to apply for temporary visas and subsequent extensions in 1997 and 1999.

New condo development expected to boost downtown

Construction plans for Lake Center Place, a landscaped brick building with 66 condominiums and 21,000 square feet of retail space started in downtown.

Many want to see the business district grow with high quality redevelopment projects.

"With the increase in activity from pedestrian traffic the downtown will do nothing but benefit from this project," said Mayor Tim Perry. "Adding mass to increase uses by creating customer attractiveness it will be easier for the downtown are to attract more businesses."

The site is located where the long time Pik Kwik grocery store stands empty on Lake and Center streets. The store opened in 1988 and closed its doors in November of last year.

Local girl wins concert in back yard

Barricades blocked the street as the fans screamed when the band Simple Plan stepped off the bus in Grayslake. The band performed for about 45 minutes during a private concert held in Kate Polak's backyard. Polak won the contest after entering on the Teen People web site.

"This is probably the coolest thing that will ever happen in Grayslake," said Nancy Amidei, a neighbor of the Polaks. About 100 people attended the concert. Loud screams and cheering echoed through the subdivision at College Trails.

Popular Avon Township Trustee dies

One of Lake County's most popular politicians, Avon Township trustee Bill Donahue, 75, died in his sleep on Oct. 28 of a massive heart attack. He was well known for his friendly personality, volunteer spirit and record of public service.

Round Lake Beach trustee Jerry Mattingly had high praise for Donahue as a public servant and as a person. "Everytime I would see him he had a smile on his face. The thing I admired most about Bill was that he was so even-tempered. I never once saw him in a bad mood and he always had a kind word to say," Mattingly said.

Besides being a township trustee for over 14 years, Donahue was a former Round Lake Beach village trustee. He was the president of U.A.W. Union Local 1643 of Libertyville for 20 years.

Community rallies around food pantry

Showing what true leadership is all about, elected officials turned out at a press conference at the Avon Township Food Pantry to publicize the fact that it was dangerously low on food.

State Representative Bob Churchill (R-Hainesville) called the press conference. Grayslake Mayor Tim Perry, Hainesville Mayor Ted Mueller, Round Lake Mayor Bill Gentes, Round Lake Beach Mayor Richard Hill, Round Lake Park Mayor Ila Bauer, Avon Township Supervisor Russ Christian, Round Lake Park District Director Jeff Nehila and Lake County Board member Don Bauer joined him along with a host of others.

Churchill said in the past year the number of people the food pantry has served has tripled. At one point the pantry ran out of food.

Double-tracking makes towns desirable

Good news for commuters who find it hard to travel to the city—U.S. House Appropriations Committee has approved a $52 million plan to improve commuter and rail service in northern Illinois. The suburbs along the North Central line that runs through Grayslake between Antioch and Chicago will receive approximately $20 million of the amount for a construction project to include a second track for double the passenger capacity.

The federal government will pay 60 percent of the project leaving the remainder of the cost to come from the state and local governments.

County water tower rises over village

A 200-foot water tower under construction on Route 120 should provide greater water access in case of an emergency, according to county water agency officials. Although the tower is coming to form in Grayslake between Routes 45 and 83, Darrell Blenniss, assistant village manager, said constructing the tower is not a village project. The Central Lake County Joint Action Water Agency officials are constructing the water tower to serve more than just the village, but decided Grayslake would be the best location for the tower, Blenniss said.

Village garbage pick-up suspended

Garbage pick-up in Grayslake was temporarily suspended due to the Teamsters strike against the Chicago Area Refuse Haulers Association. Officials said that in case of a prolonged strike, Waste Management would look into getting staff from other parts of the country to implement a "Strike Force" that will come in and pick-up the garbage. The strike was called by the Teamsters Local 731 and Local 701 shortly after midnight on Oct. 1.

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Warren, Dist. 56 referendums fail

The Warren Township High School referendum failed Feb. 25 with approximately 65.66 percent of voters saying 'no' to the tax increase and 34.34 percent of voters approving.

The district asked for a 40-cent increase in its education fund to maintain current programs.

But voters like Ken Arnold, a member of the Citizens for Better Government organization, felt the district should not have asked voters for approval of a tax increase.

"I think what we found with both District 56 and Warren Township High School was a demonstration of a lack of fiscal responsibility," Arnold said.

Arnold said school districts should always use voter approval as a last resort when seeking more funding.

"They went first to the taxpayers and did not do their due diligence with their cost reductions," Arnold said.

But District 121 Superintendent Bob McKanna said the district did reduce expenditures before going to voters.

"We've reduced over $1.5 million," McKanna said. "We're in jeopardy. If you look at all the fund balances, we're out of money and we had to ask for a referendum. We had to ask voters if they wanted to maintain the current programs and they (the voters) said they don't want the current programs, so it will look different for kids next year unfortunately."

Although Gurnee School District 56 thought it had a chance to get a referendum passed with a tax increase phase-in plan, voters rejected the idea Feb. 25.

The district asked for a 50-cent increase in its education fund, to be phased in over a three-year period. But voters apparently did not favor the idea, as 64.45 percent of voters said 'no' to the request.

District 56 School Board President Helen Scott said she "is disappointed, but not discouraged."

The district will place another referendum on the April 1 ballot. Scott said the district will probably go for the phase in again, but was not 100 percent sure.

District 56, like District 121, was accused by the Citizens for Responsible Government organization of being fiscally irresponsible.

Ken Arnold, a member of CRG, said the district should reduce its expenditures before coming to voters for a tax increase.

But district officials said over the past two years, the district has cut almost $830,000 from its budget. Scott added that District 56 teacher salaries are below state average.

Shootout with killer leaves Gurnee cop wounded

A man who shot and wounded a Gurnee police officer, was shot to death on Williamsburg Avenue.

After responding to a call reporting shots fired on the 600 block of Williamsburg at approximately 9:30 p.m., officers found and attempted to stop a vehicle matching witnesses' descriptions on the 700 block of Cohasset Court. According to a police statement from Gurnee Police Commander Jay Patrick, the driver, who has been identified as Tremell J. Celestine, got out of his vehicle with a handgun and fired at the officers, hitting one in the arm.

Police then returned fire and shot Celestine, who was taken to Provena-St. Therese Medical Center in Waukegan and pronounced dead. Celestine, 24, was from Milwaukee.

The wounded officer, six-year veteran Kevin Schreiner, was also taken to Provena-St. Therese, treated for his wounds and released. Schreiner was hit in the upper left arm, with the bullet exiting behind his left shoulder.

That same night, another shooting scene was discovered near Route 41 and Washington Street in Park City. John C. Pemberton, 48, of Fort Sheridan, was found dead in his vehicle with a gunshot wound to the head. Police believe the two incidents are related.

Woodland walkout: Teachers plan to stick to salary demands

Woodland teachers were out picketing instead of teaching, in a strike that left the parents of 7,000 kids scrambling to make childcare plans.

Union leaders vowed to stick to demands of a 29.5 percent salary increase over the next three years.

Union members are insisting they got "no response" from the board and vowed to strike until their demands are met—which it did—walking away for 20 days.

Mike Liozzi, attorney for the school board. said at the time, many teachers were not behind the strike. "I've heard that many of the teachers are not happy about the strike," Liozzi said.

Glenn Hudgins and other teachers who were out picketing say this is not true. They note that 97 percent of the union members voted in favor of calling the strike."

"We're all in this together. Everyone is overwhelmingly behind it," Hudgins said. "We've gotten a few thumbs down, but the vast majority of the people driving by are honking."

Teachers were holding signs such as "On Strike" and "No Teacher Left Behind."

Trustee questions document shredding

Village officials were are at odds concerning accusations by Trustee Tom Chamberlain that employees wrongly shredded important village documents in 2003.

Chamberlain brought up the issue, during a proposal at a board meeting to renew Village Administrator Jim Hayner's contract, after he learned about the shredding the week before.

He questioned the shredding of 203 cubic feet of documents dating as far back at 1930 and as recent as 2002 including bank statements, time sheets, invoices, purchase orders, employment applications, correspondence files, and video tapes of village board meetings.

Chamberlain questioned why these documents were destroyed without any board approval.

This is the hardest thing I've ever had to do as a trustee," Chamberlain said. "We have basically destroyed many historical documents."

He noted that Assistant Village Administrator Brad Burke, and former Deputy Suzie Studebaker had signed the orders to shred the documents.

Jim Hayner, who was also involved in the shredding, said it was a typical administrative procedure.

"We do it with the police and fire record periodically," Hayner said. "We went through with state policy and we weren't trying to hide it."

When asked why the board was not consulted, Hayner said they did not envision it being a serious issue.

He said that, looking back, the board would have been notified if he knew it would be such a hot issue.

"We didn't envision it being a political football."

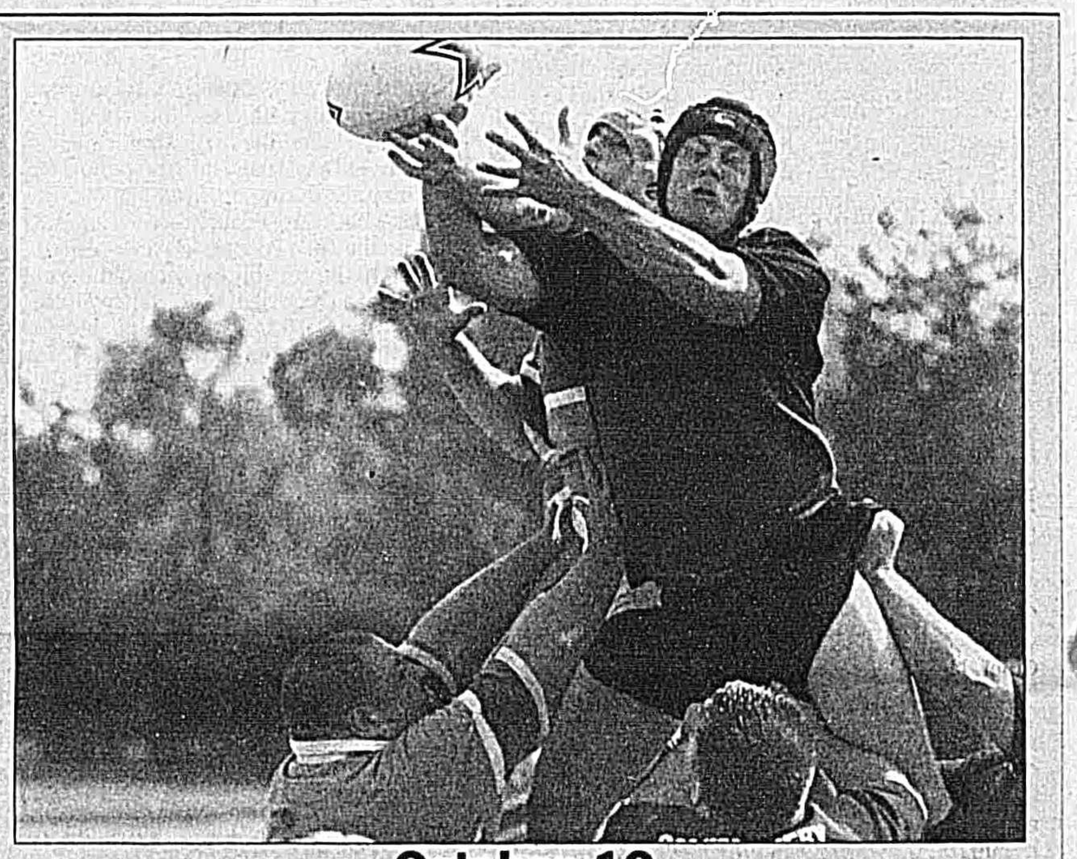
Hayner thought Chamberlain's accusations were inappropriate to bring up at the board meeting.

"I think it's very, very unfair to the professional staff we have at the village for him to make those statements," Hayner said. He's attacking the integrity of the people working here and that's shameful."

Village employees look to form union

Several Village of Gurnee employees were attempting to form a union.

Michelle Naber, a village hall employee, did not wish to comment on the situation, but did confirm that several employees have had meetings with the International Union of Operating Engineer's Local 150.



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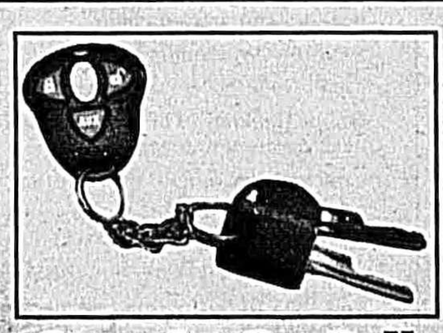
Members of the Lake County Gladiators rugby team compete against the Rockford Ravens at a Grandwood Park District Field, located on Hutchins Road, just south of Stearns School Road in Warren Township.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

Assistant Village Administrator Brad Burke also confirmed employees' meetings with the union.

"I am aware that several staff (members) have had a couple of meetings with Operating Engineer Local 150," Burke said. "The public works department had meetings with them earlier in the year right after the budget was approved in May and then some additional employee groups started to have meetings with them recently."

Ken Edwards, field attorney/organizer with Local 150, said public works employees and most of the remaining, non-organized village employees have filed representation petitions with the Illinois Labor Relations Board. Edwards said the public works employees' petition was filed several weeks ago and another petition by employees', which Edwards refers to as administration, was filed late last week. Edwards said village staff members might not want to talk about forming a union because "they're probably nervous."

"There are various issues going on in the Village of Gurnee," Edwards said. "One of the issues, I'm told by the employees, is that the village lowered their merit pool, which limits the amount of raises you can get. They also raised the amount of employee pay out for benefits. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that if you start to chip away at your employees' benefits the first thing their going to do is look to form a union."

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Village sees first anti-war protest

As, just two blocks away, people assembled for Lake Villa's annual St. Patrick's Day parade on March 15, 30 people gathered at the corner of Grand Avenue and Route 83 to express their feelings about the imminent war in Iraq.

"We were expecting a busload of students from Barat College," said Ruth Fuller, of Lake Villa. The bus never showed up. The small group was one of the first in Lake County to formally protest against the war. On March 16, a candlelight peace vigil was set to take place in Grayslake.

Allendale student saved from icy lake

For the second time in less than a year, Lake Villa Police Department Sgt. Dennis Geraty has pulled someone's child from the brink of death.

The distraught 17-year-old male was out on the thin ice of Cedar Lake. His 6-foot-3-inch, 240-pound frame was already precariously positioned some 350 yards out on the semi-frozen lake.

Although the teenager was up to his neck in water on a day when temperatures were at 5 degrees, with a wind-chill factor of minus 5 degrees, he was pulled out in less than 20 seconds, and so did not become hypothermic.

ATHENA nominees honor community values

According to this year's ATHENA Award recipient, Joann H. Osmond, the recognition is not so much about herself personally as it is about the worth the business world places on women. She has been working for a long time to raise the consciousness of women and those who work with them.

The first LLV Chamber ATHENA was presented last year to Mary Riggs, vice president for long term care for Victory Health Services. This year, Osmond was one of a field of seven nominees along with Linden Plaza manager Virgie T. Brown, Lake Villa Village Clerk and village and county pageant director Alyce Brownlee, community volunteer Darlene Cankar, Lindenhurst pageant director and former village clerk Marilyn Gregorin, Lindenhurst Police Chief Jack McKeever and KinderCare director Jennifer Robinson.

Runaway witness to fatal 'drag race' pleads guilty

Some might say Andrew Pries, 19, of Antioch, got off easy. On May 5, he was sentenced to six months in jail and 30 months of probation after pleading guilty to leaving the scene of a fatal accident.

The crash took the lives of Jan Rodrigo Legaspi-Buduan, 16, of Lindenhurst, who was driving a black 1999 Honda Prelude, a gift from his parents. His passenger, Alex Brown, 16, of Lake Villa, also died when the car spun out of control and struck a utility pole.

Witnesses told the Lake County Sheriff's Department they had seen a small white car, later identified as a Mitsubishi Eclipse, leave the scene. The Sheriff's Department received about a dozen calls from Antioch Community High School parents, leading to the identification of the Mitsubishi driver.

'Bea' Cribb, 96, leaves void in family, village

Until Lake Villa's centennial celebration in 2001, many newcomers to the area didn't know who Beatrice Cribb was. At that time, she was honored as the oldest continuous female resident of Lake Villa. Joseph Nader, who died at the end of 2002, at the age of 97, was the oldest male resident.

On March 29, 2003, "Bea," as she was known to family and friends, died in the aftermath of a stroke. She was 96 years old. For almost 67 of those years, she made her home in Lake Villa, carving a niche for herself as family matriarch, neighbor and friend.

On June 19, 1937, she married Benjamin Jay Cribb, of one of Lake Villa's oldest families. Ben was a founder of the Lake Villa fire Department and the Lake Villa Rescue Squad.

Ben and Bea raised two children, Jay and Nancy, in a house that still stands on Grand Avenue. Jay and his wife, Susan, live in the house, where they cared for Bea during the last years of her life. Ben died in 1993. Nancy (now Tesch) has lived in Texas for the past 37 years.

Village, Nielsen make $1.2M deal on park land sale

Most members of the Lake Villa Board of Trustees consider it a win-win deal. The village gets $1.2 million for 22 acres of land designated for a park, but not easily accessed. Ted Nielsen gets 22 acres of land for development into 5-acre estate homesites. However, not everyone is happy.

Village Attorney John Mullen said the property, a lot on the Deep Lake shorefront, dotted with wetland areas, was appraised twice: a park appraisal was done in May 2001 and a lakebed appraisal was done on the very day of the board's vote.

The parcel was originally donated by the developer of Painted Lakes to meet parkland donation requirements set by the village. It sits on the northeast corner of the former Edward J. Lehmann estate.

Trustee Joyce Frayer pointed out the original agreement with Nielsen, drafted when the village and Nielsen purchased the former Lehmann estate in 2001, set the price of the land at $46,000 per acre. The new price was $55,000 per acre.

Waukegan-based Losch breaks ground in Park Place Center

After more than a half-century in Waukegan, the Fred W. Losch Beverage Company is moving on. The company, founded in 1945, has broken ground at Lake Villa's Park Place Business Center, where it is building a 55,900-square-foot warehouse and office facility for its wholesale beer distribution and bottled water business. It will sit in the same business park as C&F Packing, another family-owned business. C&F manufactures meat products for companies such as Johnsonville and Pizza Hut.

Losch, which sells more than a dozen brands of imported and domestic beers to 817 businesses in Lake County alone, decided it needed to move from its virtually land-locked 35,000-square-foot facility in Waukegan.

Cedar Village pays homage to Barbara Brown

At Barbara Brown's retirement celebration, she was presented with a bouquet of flowers, one-by-one. Each flower represented a virtue, such as goodness, affection, love, generosity and devotion.

In all, there were 18 flowers: one for each year of service.

Nevertheless, those who speak of Brown would probably award her with at least 18 more based on the number of her virtues.

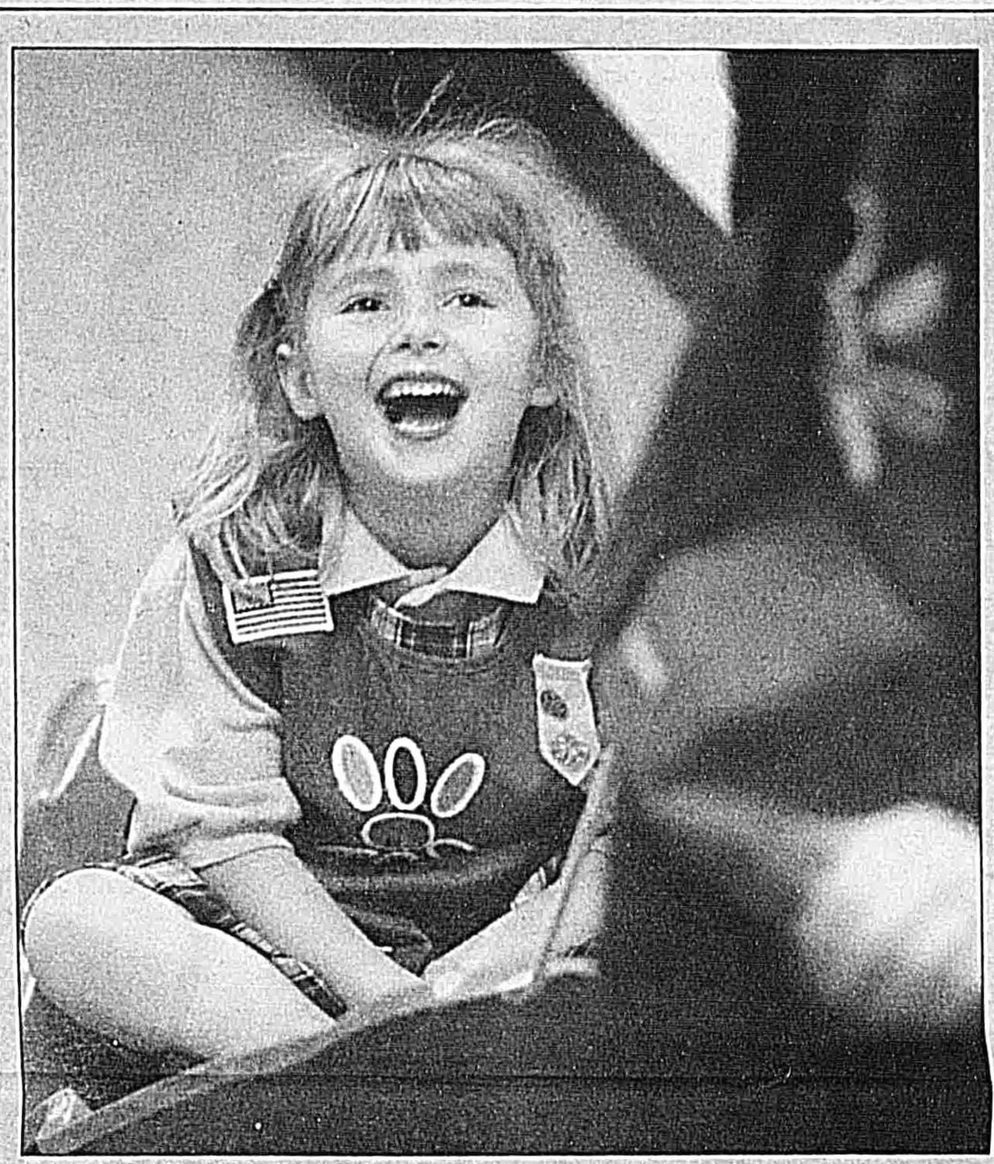
"I can't say enough good things about Barbara," said Don Samuelson, owner of the Cedar Village senior residence in Lake Villa. "I had a vision that could not have materialized without her. She translated my ideas into reality."

LLV Chamber members form Fine Arts Council

Lake Villa and Lindenhurst have not been known for cultural activities, but that is about to change.

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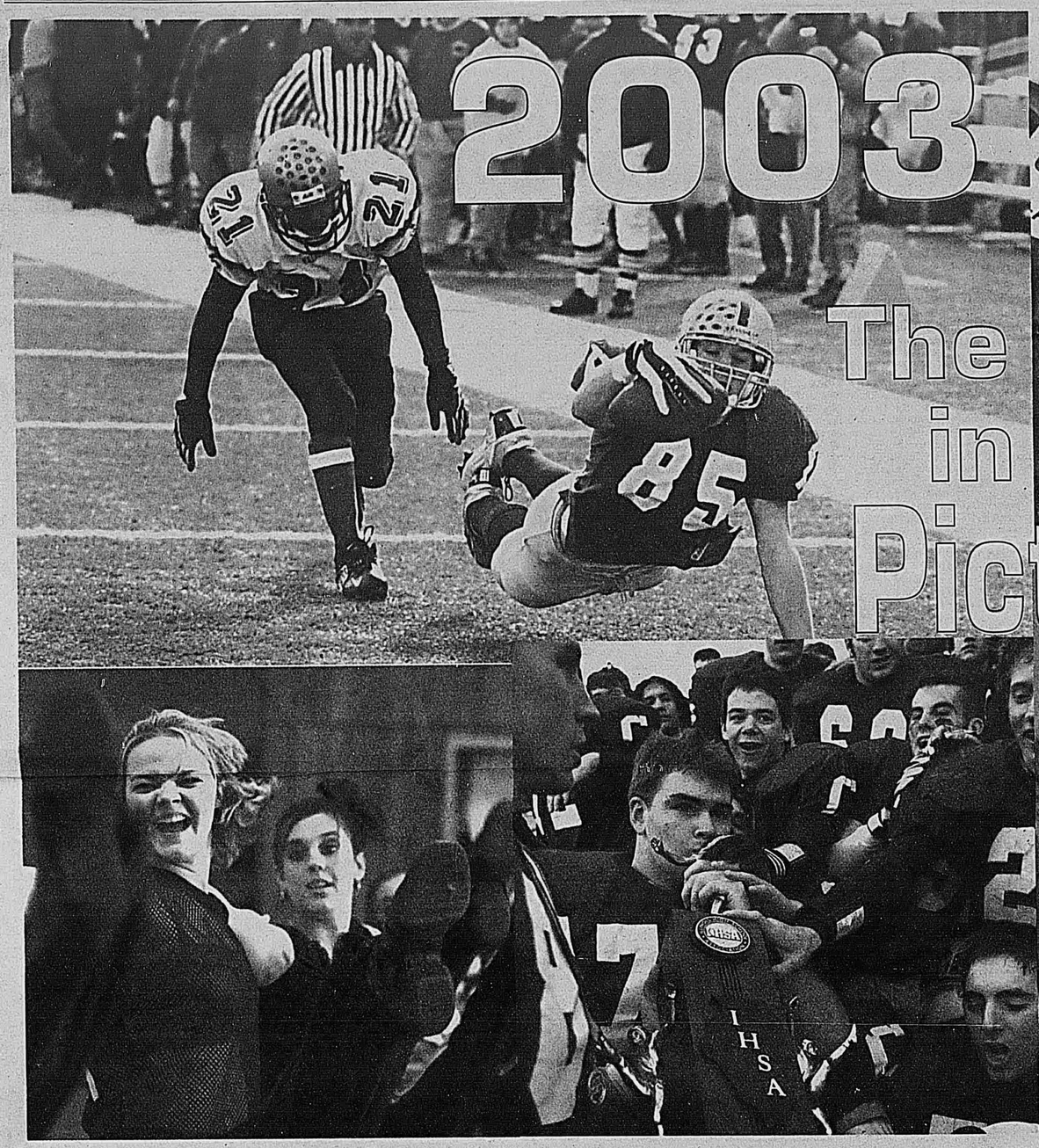


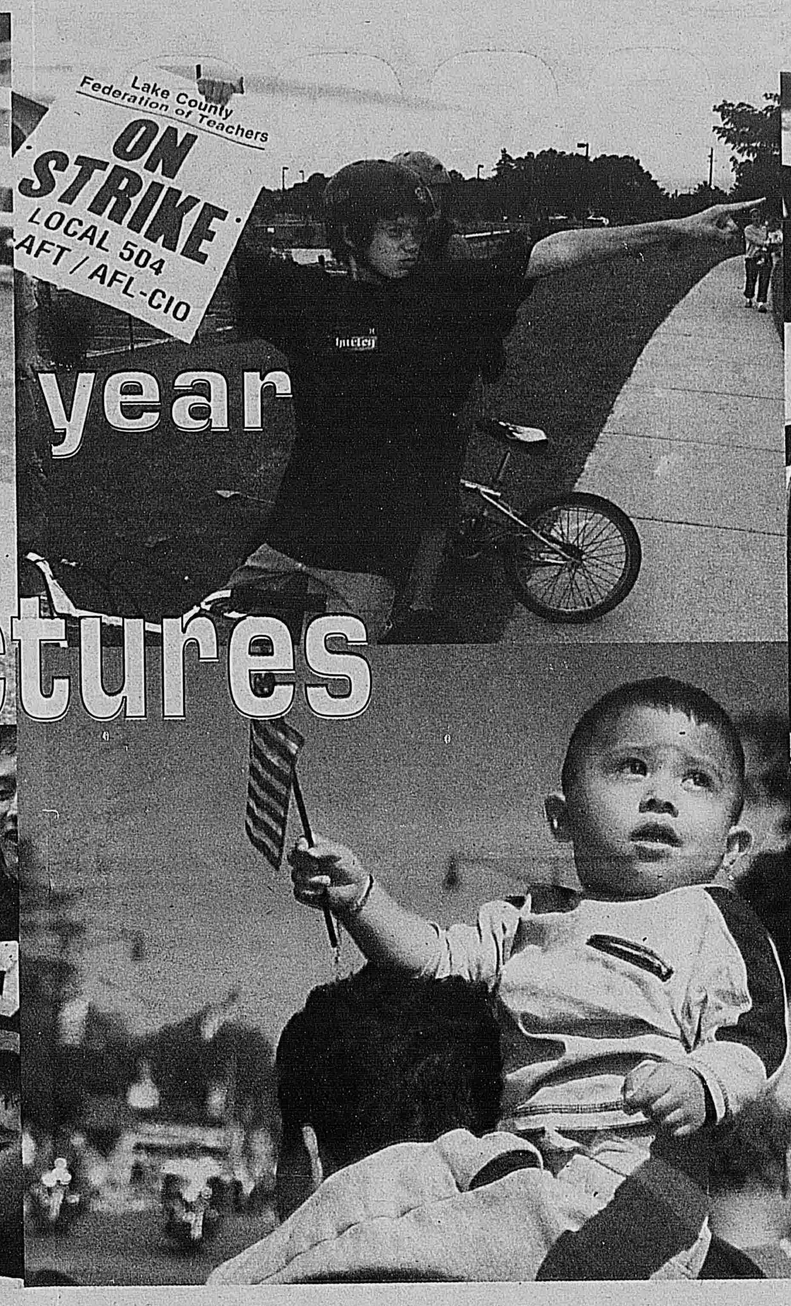
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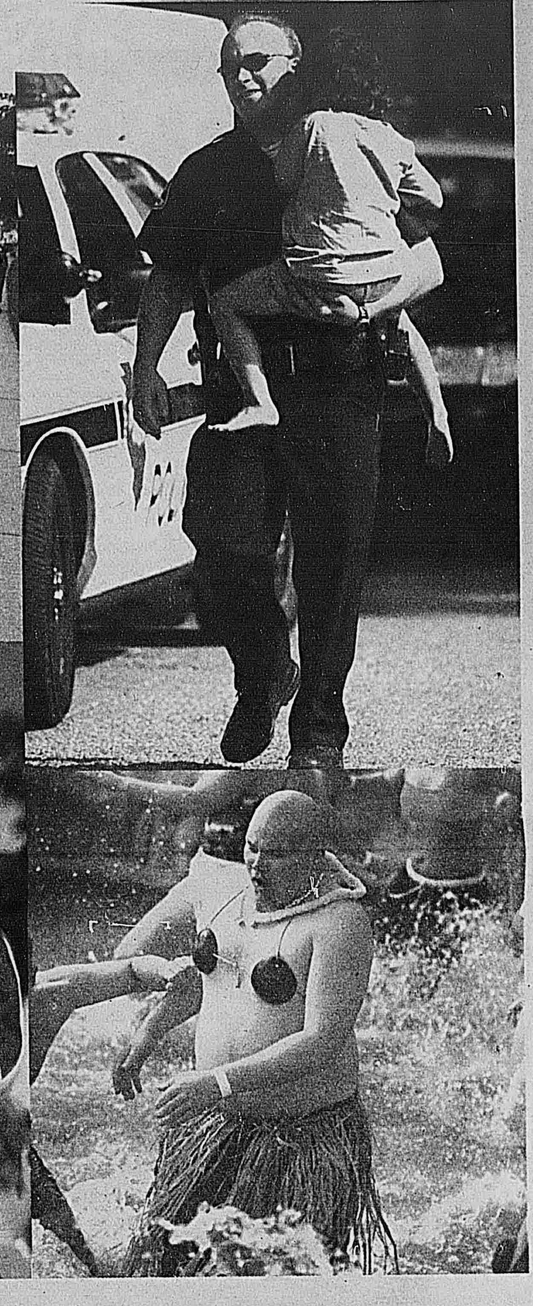
Kara Zupkus, a kindergartner at St. Patrick School in Wadsworth, is pulled down the hallway in a sled by classmate Maggie McKinnon during an "indoor snow day" for the school's kindergarten classes.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

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Wildcats claw way to title game

The magical 13-1 season was over, but the warm feelings of admiration, accomplishment, inspiration and ownership washed over the crowd of hundreds of fans and dozens of players on the gym floor.

Team captain and quarterback Chris Jansen said after the rally that fan support during his four seasons as an LHS football player was incomparable. "Every year before my senior year, you check to see how the fans are, compared to the year before. And every year there were more than 40 people who went to every single game. And that's just phenomenal," Jansen said.

Mayor Duane Laska, a 1977 graduate of LHS, told the team, "You are number one in the hearts of this community. You know that your parents and friends are proud of you. But I want to make sure that you know that the entire community is proud of you and was behind you the entire year."

Crash kills 5 injures 3

A crash on Libertyville's east side, between a van carrying seven employees of The Solar Corp., and a flatbed, semi tractor trailer turning onto Route 176, killed four instantly, one which died a month later from her injuries and seriously injured three others in the van.

The crash was about a block from The Solar Corp., six blocks east of Milwaukee Avenue on Route 176.

A 911 call from a cellular telephone was made to the Lake County Sheriff's Department. Illinois State Police and Libertyville police and fire responded to the scene.

Lake County Chief Deputy Coroner Jim Wipper said the Delgado van was going west on Route 176 and was only a block from Solar Corp., when it "T-boned" the flatbed trailer, as it exited Performance Metal, 940 E. Park Ave., with a load of materials.

MainStreet defections not entirely coincidence

The late summer resignations of four key members of MainStreet Libertyville's board of directors was a mainly a result of frustration over recent fiscal policy, say three of the departed volunteers.

From late July through late August, the resignations from MainStreet's board of directors included Chairman Debbie Weber, Mike Buchert, Mike McCarthy and Bob Peron.

MainStreet Libertyville, Inc. is a volunteer based, non-profit organization created in 1989 to revitalize and preserve Libertyville's historic downtown core district. It is affiliated with the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National MainStreet Center.

Sports icon is remembered

Warren Nicholas, Jr., 81, never hit a home run for the Libertyville High School baseball team. He never dropped in a game-winning free throw at the old Brainerd Building gym. And he never scored a touchdown in a Wildcats uniform.

But he was as much a part of LHS athletics as anyone. Nicholas operated the football scoreboard and kept time at basketball games from 1958 until 1998, over 40 years. For his dedication and services, Nicholas was inducted into both the Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame and the Illinois Athletic Director's Hall of Fame.

Ryan wins school seat—belatedly

Community High School District 128 School Board President Dennis Ryan left town on vacation on about April 2, thinking he had lost a close election.

Returns on the night of April 1, election day, as six people sought three seats on school board, had challenger Judy Sugarman with 4,285 votes, incumbent Anne Landgraf with 4,342 votes and incumbent board vice-president Mike McCarthy with 3,784.

Before a computer software glitch was discovered at the Lake County Clerk's office, about 8:30 p.m. on April 1, Dennis Ryan had placed a close fourth, with 3,762.

The glitch had caused miscounts in several Lake County races, with the election outcomes affected.

Among those were Ryan, whose amended total was 3,795, and McCarthy, knocked down to 3,773 was became the odd man out.

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McMeekin, a former student at Libertyville High School, was charged with two counts of attempted murder, two counts of armed violence, one count of home invasion while armed with a deadly weapon, and one count of home invasion causing great bodily harm to a resident.

Sports complex honored

The Libertyville Parks and Recreation Department was honored as the Outstanding Multiple-Use Facility in Illinois, by the Illinois Park and Recreation Association.

Specifically, the award is for the village's $25 million Libertyville Sports Complex, which opened June 8, 2002, at the northeast corner of Route 45 and Peterson Road. The complex consists of a cavernous, 170,000-square-foot Indoor Sports Center, Golf Learning Center and Family Entertainment Center.

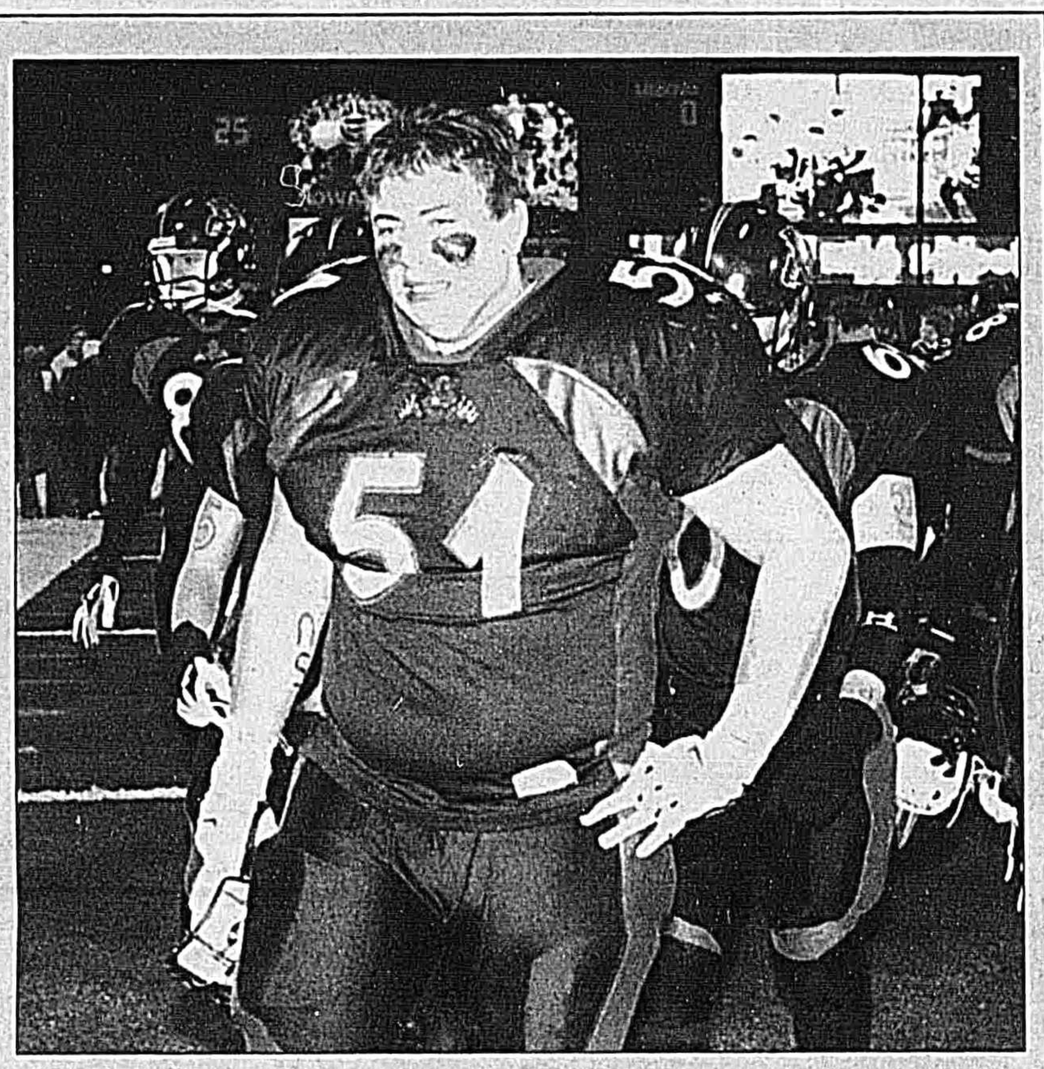
Steve Thomas, co-chair of the IPRA Committee for Outstanding Park and Facility Awards, said between 50 and 60 entries, in over a half dozen categories, were submitted for 2002. Entrants turn in 20-page reports detailing their worthiness for award consideration, said Thomas.

Fire causes evacuation of 7-story building

A Dec. 19 electrical fire at Liberty Towers caused extensive damage to a third-floor apartment and the orderly evacuation of the seven-floor building at 130 E. Cook Ave. in downtown Libertyville.

No one was injured in the fire, reported about 5:20 p.m. Friday. Liberty Towers is home for people 62 and over, as well as handicapped and disabled persons.

By 7 p.m. tenants were moved from the first floor community room, where they had waited and been fed, back into their apartments. Public safety officials and staff members at the Towers coordinated the reentry.



December 5

Libertyville High School varsity football Greg Dugan leaves the field after an emotional Class 7A state championship loss to Oswego at Memorial Stadium in Champaign.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

Kay Jewelers robbed

Vernon Hills police were searching for the perpetrator of an armed robbery, at Kay Jewelers in Westfield Shoppingtown Hawthorn.

According to police reports, at approximately 10:15 p.m., just past the 10 p.m. holiday hours closing, a subject entered the store, in which two employees, a male and a female, were present. The man asked to look at wedding rings, displayed a chrome and black handgun and instructed the male employee to close the security gate.

The offender ordered both employees into a bathroom. There, the male employee was instructed to tie the female up and then fill two bags with jewelry from the store.

It is believed that over $100,000 in jewelry and USC was taken. No shots were fired and no one was injured.

Retro McDonald's hits a high note

The sign in the new retro McDonald's Restaurant in Libertyville that says "Hamburgers 15 cents" may have you going for a minute, but it's only one of the many signs of nostalgia dating back to the 1950s when the very first McDonald's restaurants opened.

Reminding patrons of the by-gone era also are 19-cent cheeseburgers and 12-cent French fries. Now the famous burger that has been sold a zillion times is 85 cents, the cheeseburger 95 cents and a small fries, 89 cents.

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Eagle Market sold to Butera

Shoppers at the Eagle Country Market on Grand Avenue and Munn Road in Lindenhurst are finding the shelves barren, as the store prepares for its new owners.

In the ongoing process of divesting itself of assets in the course of bankruptcy, Eagle Food Centers, Inc., based in Milan, Ill., accepted a bid from Chicago-based Butera Finer Foods, Inc.

Although neither party would discuss terms of the sale, Anita-Marie Laurie, spokesperson for Eagle, confirmed the results of the auction held on Aug. 29 were scheduled to be submitted to approval by the bankruptcy court on Sept. 11.

Although Laurie denied any store closing date has been set, employees at the Eagle in Lindenhurst are preparing for a Sept. 15 closing.

"That's what corporate told us," said acting store manager John Zurawski. He and the other 80 or so employees at the store have been invited to submit applications for employment with Butera.

According to Paul J. Butera Jr. vice president of the family-owned grocery chain, the store will be remodeled.



June 20

Four-year-old Anthony Wolski of Gurnee runs through hoops of water as his brother, Ethan, 2, follows close behind on a much-awaited warm and sunny day at the Gurnee Park District's Hunt Club Park Aquatic Center.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

End of 12-year 'honeymoon' as mayor steps down

Lindenhurst's mayor, Paul Baumunk, and the village he served for three terms have grown into a mutual admiration society.

Village residents, officials and staff had two occasions to make note of their memories and emotions as the mayor prepares to pass the torch to Jim Betustak on April 26.

On April 12, at an "open house" celebration for the village, Baumunk took the good with the bad, as friends and colleagues paid tribute to him at the Lindenhurst Men's Club.

On hand to celebrate with the mayor and his family were Lake County Board Chair Suzi Schmidt, who was Lindenhurst's recreation director in the 1980s, and Circuit Court Judge Ray McKoski, who is a Lindenhurst resident and long-time friend of the mayor.

Trustees tossed a final twist into the meeting, as they split their vote down the middle when the motion was made to adjourn.

For the first time in 12 years, Baumunk was called upon to break a tie.

"If you all voted to adjourn, I was going to veto it," he said. After threatening to take the matter into consultation, he cast the only vote he has ever cast on the board, and closed the meeting—and closed a chapter in Lindenhurst's history.

Geo-Karis weighs in on Well No. 10

State Sen. Adeline Geo-Karis (R-Zion) has stepped into the controversy surrounding Lindenhurst's plans for a new well. At the behest of constituents living in the unincorporated areas near Munn Road, the senator sent a letter to Mayor Jim Betustak asking him to reconsider placing the proposed well elsewhere.

In July, Lindenhurst's village board authorized bidding to begin on a new well, designated "Well No. 10," to be located at the site of the water tank at 1480 YMCA Road, off Munn.

A report issued by Strand Associates Engineers followed a 2-year-long study, and identified the YMCA Road site as the most cost-effective location for a 500-gallon-per-minute (gpm) well, taking into consideration both water quality and quantity.

The study concluded that the effect on local private wells would be "minimal."

In spite of the lengthy report, members of the East Shore of Crooked Lake Homeowners Association are not reassured that the village's proposed well will not create problems for them.

ATHENA nominees honor community values

According to this year's ATHENA Award recipient, Joann H. Osmond, the recognition is not so much about herself personally as it is about the worth the business world places on women. She has been working for a long time to raise the consciousness of women and those who work with them.

The first LLV Chamber ATHENA was presented last year to Mary Riggs, vice president for long term care for Victory Health Services. This year, Osmond was one of a field of seven nominees along with Linden Plaza manager Virgie T. Brown, Lake Villa Village Clerk and village and county pageant director Alyce Brownlee, community volunteer Darlene Cankar, Lindenhurst pageant director and former village clerk Marilyn Gregorin, Lindenhurst Police Chief Jack McKeever and KinderCare director Jennifer Robinson.

Runaway witness to fatal 'drag race' pleads guilty

Some might say Andrew Pries, 19, of Antioch, got off easy. On May 5, he was sentenced to six months in jail and 30 months of probation after pleading guilty to leaving the scene of a fatal accident.

The crash took the lives of Jan Rodrigo Legaspi-Buduan, 16, of Lindenhurst, who was driving a black 1999 Honda Prelude, a gift from his parents. His passenger, Alex Brown, 16, of Lake Villa, also died when the car spun out of control and struck a utility pole.

Witnesses told the Lake County Sheriff's Department they had seen a small white car, later identified as a Mitsubishi Eclipse, leave the scene. The Sheriff's Department received about a dozen calls from Antioch Community High School parents, leading to the identification of the Mitsubishi driver.

BMX bikers and skateboarders have place to call their own

Geo Bertini's dream has come true. More than two years ago, when he was just 15 years old, he imagined a place in Lindenhurst where he and his friends could ride their BMX bicycles, perform daring stunts, and still be safe from the dangers of automobiles or the wrath of pedestrians.

On June 14, Bertini, was one of those holding the golden shears that cut the ribbons on the Lindenhurst Park District's new side-by-side BMX and skateboard complex at Engle Memorial Park. The complex is located behind the gymnasium building, at 2200 E. Grass Lake Road, west of Route 45. Named "The Haven," by the committee of teenagers who designed it, it was part of a $450,000 park expansion.

Millburn Dist. 24 to seek referendum

Explosive growth in the northeastern portion of Lindenhurst as well as in unincorporated areas within the Millburn C.C. School District 24 boundaries is driving the district to ask voters to approve an increase in property taxes on March 16, 2004.

Voters will be presented with two ballot questions: one to approve the refinancing of existing bonds for an additional school building, and one to approve a property tax increase to fund additional staff, textbooks and supplies.

An increase of 53 cents per $100 of assessed valuation would be needed to cover educational costs, while the additional school building would not cost taxpayers anything more, as it would be financed by rolling over existing bonds.

Ground broken for new synagogue

History was the invisible honoree, as Lake County's oldest Jewish congregation broke ground on Aug. 24 for the third time in 107 years.

The first divot was turned by an antique silver and wood shovel, on loan from congregant Tina Tessler. It was wielded by the congregation's oldest member, past president Joseph Temaner. He was joined by his great-grandson, Patrick. The ground breaking took place within a roped-in area labeled "new sanctuary, on the congregations 4-acre lot on Falling Waters Boulevard.

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Carmel takes care of business

It is a moment that will go down in the lore of IHSA football championship games.

Temporarily trailing 26-25, Jason Kwaisgroch mentioned something to Mike Serio. "Mike said to me, 'if we get a runback, it will break their backs,'" Kwaishroch said. "Then I said to him, if you get a runback, it will break their will."

Ninety-one yards later, Kwasigroch was taking care of Serio's back, making sure he ran untouched for the record-breaking kickoff return.

Twenty-nine unanswered points in the second half, including Serio's score, fulfilled the destiny of the Catholic school from Mundelein. Instead of Carmel Parkway, it can be called State Champs Parkway after the 54-26 win over Bloomington for the Class 6A title.

The championship gives CHS a legendary 14-0 mark. The second half rampage should not have come to a surprise to the hundreds who made all 14 games. Carmel has been dismissing deficits since being down 10-0 against Marist 13 weeks ago.

Senior offensive lineman Luke Krombach did the honors of crossing out the "un" in the "Unfinished business" slogan that would guide head coach Andy Bitto's juggernaut.

Some 48 hours later at the Carmel High School celebration rally parents and visitors took photos of the gleaming trophy, which, by coincidence, looked nice in its Carmel brown.

Standouts of the team, Bitto and school officials addressed the crowd, thanked repeatedly for its support, including the group that spelled C-A-R-M-E-L on their chests.

Bitto, a 1981 CHS graduate, recalled with pride that this bunch of seniors saw 46 wins, while a generation of Carmel students only saw one more win.

Standoff on Bonniebrook

Police surrounded the 500 block of Bonniebrook Lane after a domestic dispute occurred early in the morning that left one man wounded.

Shortly before 5 a.m., Mundelein police officers investigated an anonymous complaint by a neighbor about a couple arguing at 552 Bonniebrook Lane.

Police reportedly heard the man yell out of the house, "I am going to burn this house down and I have a rifle." After allegedly making those threats, officers said they heard the woman say, "get out" and a small child say, "daddy, no, no."

At approximately 5:30 a.m., the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS), the Emergency Services Team (EST) and 50 area police departments assisted the Mundelein police to bring the incident to a peaceful resolution. Officers in Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) gear, a K-9 unit and an ambulance also surrounded the home before the standoff was over.

Officers evacuated about 12 surrounding families from their homes in order to ensure their safety.

A few hours later, the man walked out of the house, police said, and refused to listen to their orders. He was taken into custody with the assistance of slow-speed impact munitions in the leg, police said.

The man was taken to Condell Hospital, but refused medical treatment.

The woman exited the house shortly after the man, and began to fight with the arresting officers, police said.

Officers said they made several attempts to contact the residents inside the house. Police said man answered the first phone call but refused to provide any information or comply with the requests of the police. The woman answered the second phone call and asked to be left alone, reassuring officers everything was OK, according to police.

Officers found a 5-year-old girl in a bedroom of the house and contacted the Department of Children and Family Services to place the girl in a home.

Salmonella outbreakon the rise

The number of people infected with salmonellosis was on the rise with over 120 patrons still reporting symptoms and 64 confirmed cases from the disease linked to Chili's Bar and Grill in Vernon Hills.

As a result of the disease nine people received hospital care and were released.

"The restaurant [had]been closed voluntarily since July 1. All food workers have been tested and the restaurant will reopen when tests indicated that the food workers are free of the diseases," said Leslie Piotrowski, communications manager of the Lake County Health Department.

Preliminary results of the epidemiological study reported the disease didn't point to food but rather one employee with the lack of hand washing who had the disease and contaminated multiple food items and equipment, Piotrowski said.

"Upon receiving the first report on June 30, we began an investigation to contain this outbreak," said health department Executive Director Dale Galassie. "We believe there are individuals who are unaware they are infected who could spread the disease, and continue to suffer without proper medical attention."

Louis Adams, media contact for Chili's, said the Dallas-based restaurant chain "has very strict food handling procedures and the health of our guests and our employees is our top priority."

"Chili's began working closely with the Health Department to thoroughly investigate the situation to try to determine what caused the problem," Adams said. "The investigation is continuing at this time, but no precise cause has been determined so far."

Piotrowski says this is the largest outbreak of a disease in a restaurant in recent memory and she would like to identify the individual who passed the disease on. The last outbreak was at a Highland Park restaurant eight years ago.

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Four children between the ages of 2 and 17 were home during the second floor attack. One of the children called 911 while in the house.

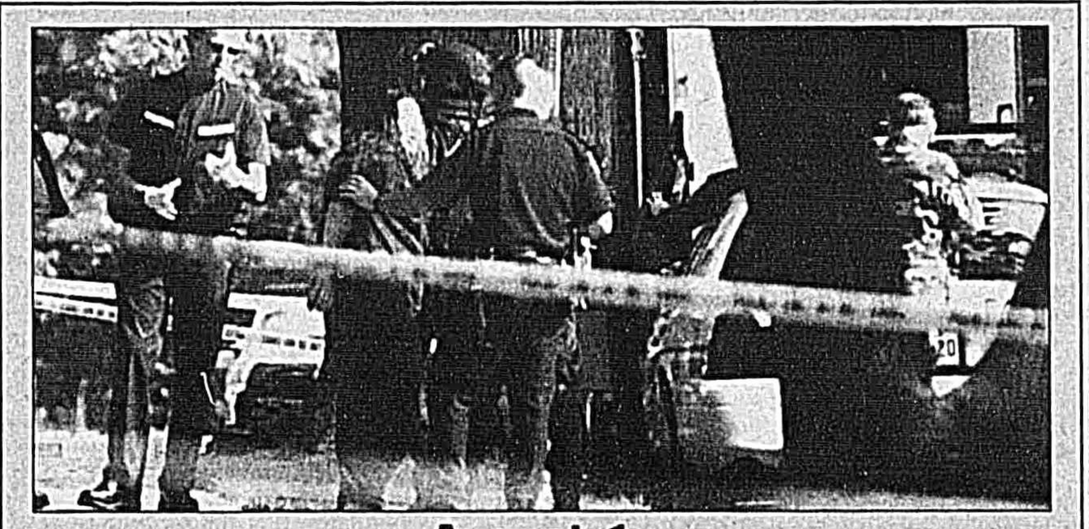
The injured parents were found in their upstairs bedroom and airlifted to Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.

After the attack McMeekin went to school at Mundelein High School where police later picked him up for questioning, said police.

McMeekin is charged with two counts of attempted murder, two counts of armed violence, one count of home invasion while armed with a deadly weapon, and one count of home invasion causing great bodily harm to a resident.

Shortly after the crime occurred, Lincolnshire Chief of Police Randall Melvin called in The Lake County Major Task Force to lead the investigation.

McMeekin started the 2002-03 term at Libertyville and joined the varsity football team. He was transferred to the High School.



August 1

Maureen Murray, a resident of 552 Bonniebrook Ave. in Mundelein, is arrested by police after an alleged domestic dispute at her home. Police were called to the scene at around 5 a.m. on July 30. A five-hour standoff ensued after Murray's husband allegedly threatened to burn down the house.— ***Photo by Sandy Bressner***

Restructuring eliminates principal positions

For the first time in Lake County history, Mundelein High School will operate under the supervision of the superintendent — not principals.

Dr. Stanley Fields, whose goal is to make the school the best in the state, was the mastermind behind the restructuring of administrative duties.

In order to save an estimated $600,000 in administrative positions, the school did not hire a replacement for principal Hillyn Sennholtz, who resigned, and two assistant principals' jobs.

Those job descriptions are being allocated to Sally Pilcher, assistant superintendent, and John Ahlgrim, deputy superintendent.

"Through Dr. Fields' leadership, we are going to have one of the leanest administrative structures in the state of Illinois and we believe that to be the best school in the state, our resources are better spent on hiring and keeping excellent teachers," Pilcher said. "We want to spend a majority of the time on students and not bureaucracy."

Money that is saved in administrative personnel will now be used on programs and to hire more guidance counselors to improve the ratio of students to staff.

"The message at Mundelein High School is that we will raise the bar for the students of our village," Pilcher said. "We believe there is no longer satisfaction to be above average — excellence is our only quest."

Jolly old fellow dies at 59

One of Santa's biggest helpers died in 2003.

You could say Robert Rion believed in Santa Claus. He even thought he was St. Nick.

Santa Claus, 59, was found dead in his Mundelein home on Tuesday after his son Rory Rion called authorities to check in on him. Lake County Coroner, Jim Wipper said Claus died of a heart attack late Monday evening.

Robert William Roin so resembled the fictional character, with his white beard, his jelly belly and his wardrobe of red and white, that he legally changed his name to Santa Clause in 1997. He wanted to make children smile and to become an effective speaker.

In his spare time, Claus would frequent schools, scout troops, group homes and clubs to offer his free services. He would speak to the children about gangs, drugs, drinking and smoking.

Claus had said in a 2002 interview that he "thought I could do a lot more if my name was Santa Claus."

He also operated a year round hotline for Santa Claus.

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Families come together

Red, white and blue tears of pride, fear and hope for the future were shed and shared by family members of military personnel during a gathering at Robin Mayberry's home in Round Lake.

Emotions were on edge as moms, dads, grandparents and sisters of loved ones serving in the Middle East took turns crying, laughing and telling stories of their heroes so far away from home.

Mayberry is the mother of Paul Rasborschek III, 21, a 2000 graduate of Grayslake High School, who is aboard the IWO-JIMA LHD-7 in the Persian Gulf.

Karen Sitton's military sons are , Jeremy J. Schuster, a 1998 graduate of Round Lake High School, is a sergeant in the U.S. Marines and is a section leader for a four-gun artillery unit, while Timothy S. Schuster, a 1995 graduate of Round Lake High School, who is attached to the USS Parche, a nuclear submarine based out of Silverdale, Wash.

Peter and JoAnne Palyok are the parents of Dwight Peter Palyok, a petty officer second-class with the U.S. Navy and a 1997 graduate of Round Lake High School.

Another soldier getting ready to head out is Amanda Jane Kienast, who is currently stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. She is the daughter of Julie Crouch of Round Lake and the fourth generation in her family to serve in the military.

Anthony James Pignato, 20, of Round Lake Park, is stationed in Fort Hood, Texas. He is an Apache helicopter mechanic.

Murder, suicide in Round Lake Beach

With three of the six killings in Lake County this year in his village, Detective Rich Chiarello is still not ready to declare Round Lake Beach the murder capital of Lake County.

Nevertheless, Chiarello, the professional sleuth, with eyes darkened and saddened from years of investigating everything from child sexual abuse to murders, speaks tiredly about wishing his village would be on television for something other than murders. "We are always on the news for something bad," he said.

This time it was the gruesome discovery of three bodies at 2474 Tedy Lane.

According to Chiarello, Gary Anfeldt, 37, killed his wife Ellan, 39, and her son James Pisula, 6, with a hunting knife in a bedroom before committing suicide by sitting in his car inside the garage with the engine running and dying from carbon monoxide poisoning.

According to Det. Chiarello, Anfeldt had previously tried to kill himself in February of 2002 shortly after his first wife, Lisa Anfeldt died of a heart attack. "Police responded to a call for help and an ambulance took him to a hospital," said Chiarello. "After he was evaluated we secured numerous weapons so he would not hurt himself or his children."

The bodies were discovered after Anfeldt's two daughters came home from school that day and could not get into their house. They went to a neighbor who called their grandmother who notified police who then broke into the house at 7:35 p.m.

Father Ray removed from ministry

Sexual abuse allegations have resulted in the dismissal of Father Raymond Skriba, 70, from his parish at St. Joseph Church in Round Lake.

Moreover, a hearing will be held to determine if Skriba should be banished from the priesthood forever.

"He will not be returned to the ministry. The Archdiocese will petition Rome to hold a canonical trial to see if he should be permanently removed from the priesthood," said Mary McDonough, an Archdiocese of Chicago communication's spokesperson.

It was in July of 2002, that Cardinal Francis George accepted Father Raymond Skriba's written request to take a leave of absence from St. Joseph Church in Round Lake while the investigation of sexual abuse charges continued.

Denying that he would ever harm a young person, Skriba asked the Cardinal for a leave of absence so he could try and prove his innocence of sexual abuse charges.

Murder suspect strangled his wife

Nearly six weeks after the fact, a Round Lake Beach man, Kewal Aujla, 29, has been charged with first degree murder in the strangulation death of his wife, Narinderpal "Rani" Sangha, 30, following a domestic dispute.

Initially, it was a missing person case, as Aujla reported that his wife had last been seen outside the Meadowgreen subdivision home on April 9. Round Lake Beach police, the Lake County Sheriff's Department and Illinois State Police launched an exhaustive search for the physically and mentally disabled woman.

Authorities used helicopters, police dogs, Mobile Eye volunteers and fire department personnel, and conducted door-to-door searches in the subdivision where the couple lived.

Late May 19, the break came in the case, as interrogation by a FBI translator of Punjabi, Aujla's native Indian language, paid off.

Aujla admitted he had killed his wife on April 9, inside their house, said authorities. At about 5:30 p.m. Monday, he led them to a storm sewer in the parking lot in front of Sam's Club, 335 N. Milwaukee Ave., in Vernon Hills.

There, outside the business where Aujla has been employed, authorities climbed down a man hole ladder and found the body of a 5-feet-1, 120-pound woman believed to be Sangha. The body lay on the damp sewer bottom, attached by a rope to the metal ladder.

Cop pleads guilty to sex abuse

Former Great Lakes Police Officer Glen Jewell, 33, of 35 N. Nielsen Drive, Round Lake pleaded guilty to aggravated criminal sexual assault against a 14-year old girl, which happened on two separate occasions.

The investigation began in November of 2002 after the girl reported the incident to a counselor at school who then contacted the Department of Children and Family Services who then contacted the Round Lake Park-Hainesville Police Department.

Popular Avon Township trustee dies

One of Lake County's most popular politicians died in his sleep Oct. 28 of a massive heart attack.

Avon Township trustee Bill Donahue, 75, was well known for his friendly personality, volunteer spirit and record of public service.

Round Lake Beach trustee Jerry Mattingly had high praise for Donahue as a public servant and as a person.

"Everytime I would see him he had a smile on his face. The thing I admired most about Bill was that he was so even-tempered. I never once saw him in a bad mood and he always had a kind word to say," Mattingly said.

Avon Township trustee Tim Powell also praised his fellow trustee.

"Bill was a dedicated, conscientious public servant and his death is a great loss for Avon Township," Powell said.

He added that Donahue would pick up bread weekly from Panera Bread in Round Lake Beach and distribute it to needy Lake County residents and the Avon Township Food Pantry.

Truancy prevention programs a huge success

Chronically truant students will soon disappear in Round Lake area schools if the current trend continues.

And it is no surprise—thanks to the cooperation of Round Lake Area Schools Community Unit District 116 Truancy Coordinator Genesis Casillas and the Round Lake Area Park District Police officers and other area emergency services.

"How far do we go to get kids in school?" asked Casillas, at the May school board meeting, with a grin on her face.

She then showed a photo of a student who was being brought down from a 40-foot high tree in front of Beach Elementary School by a Greater Round Lake Area Fire Department firefighter

"This student did not want to go to school that day and would not get out of his mother's car," said Casillas. When mom went to get help, he shimmied up the tree. It took all of my truancy team, along with the police department and the fire department to go and pick this student out of the tree and get him ready for school. That is just one example of how far we will go to get the students in school."

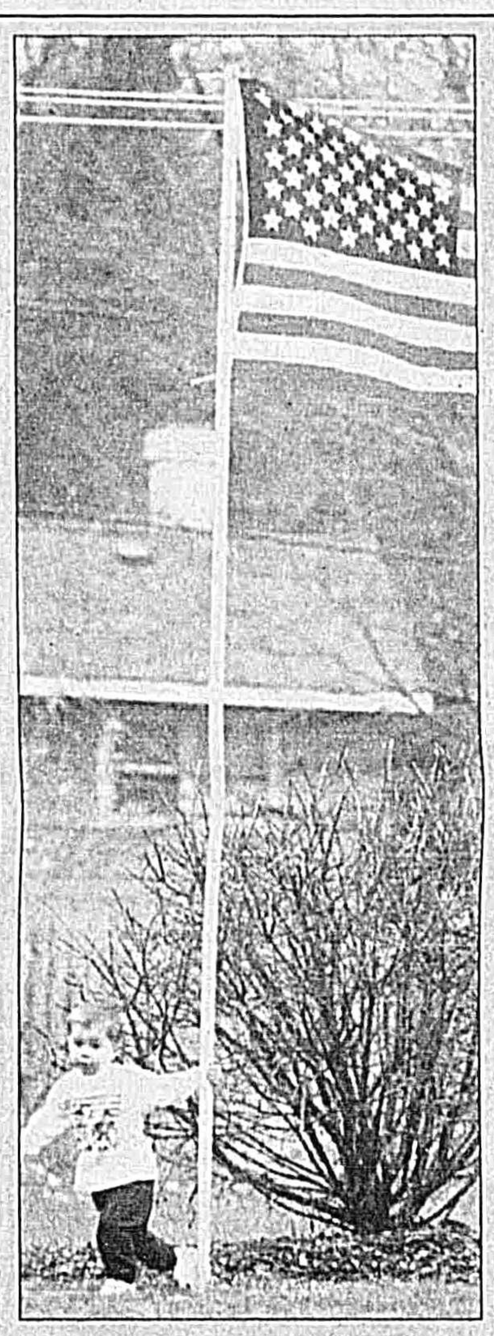
Round Lake Area Park District Police Chief Mike Greisz has high praise for the "Cops in Schools" program that allows his officers to enforce the District 116 attendance policy in Round Lake Heights, Round Lake Park, Round Lake Beach and Round Lake.

New chief executive hired for District 116

Pieces of the puzzle are falling into place in the struggle to solve the severe financial problems that have been plaguing Round Lake Area Schools Community Unit District 116 for the last ten years due to financial mismanagement.

At a special meeting held by teleconference, three of the five members of the State Financial Authority that supervises the finances of district 116 hired Dennis Stonewall, of Danville, as the Chief Executive Officer for the district.

Chairman George Lingel, and members Bish Krywko and Maru Tomusiak unanimously voted for Stonewall. New members Robert Traxler and Ed Kula were not part of the vote because they were just appointed a few days before by State School Board Superintendent Robert Schiller and there was not enough time to get them up to speed on the issue according to Jim Tapscott, financial advisor for the finance authority.



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Two-year-old Jack Clearwater of Lake Villa swings around a flag pole before a Veteran's Day ceremony at Round Lake Beach Memorial Park.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*



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Village sees changing of the guard

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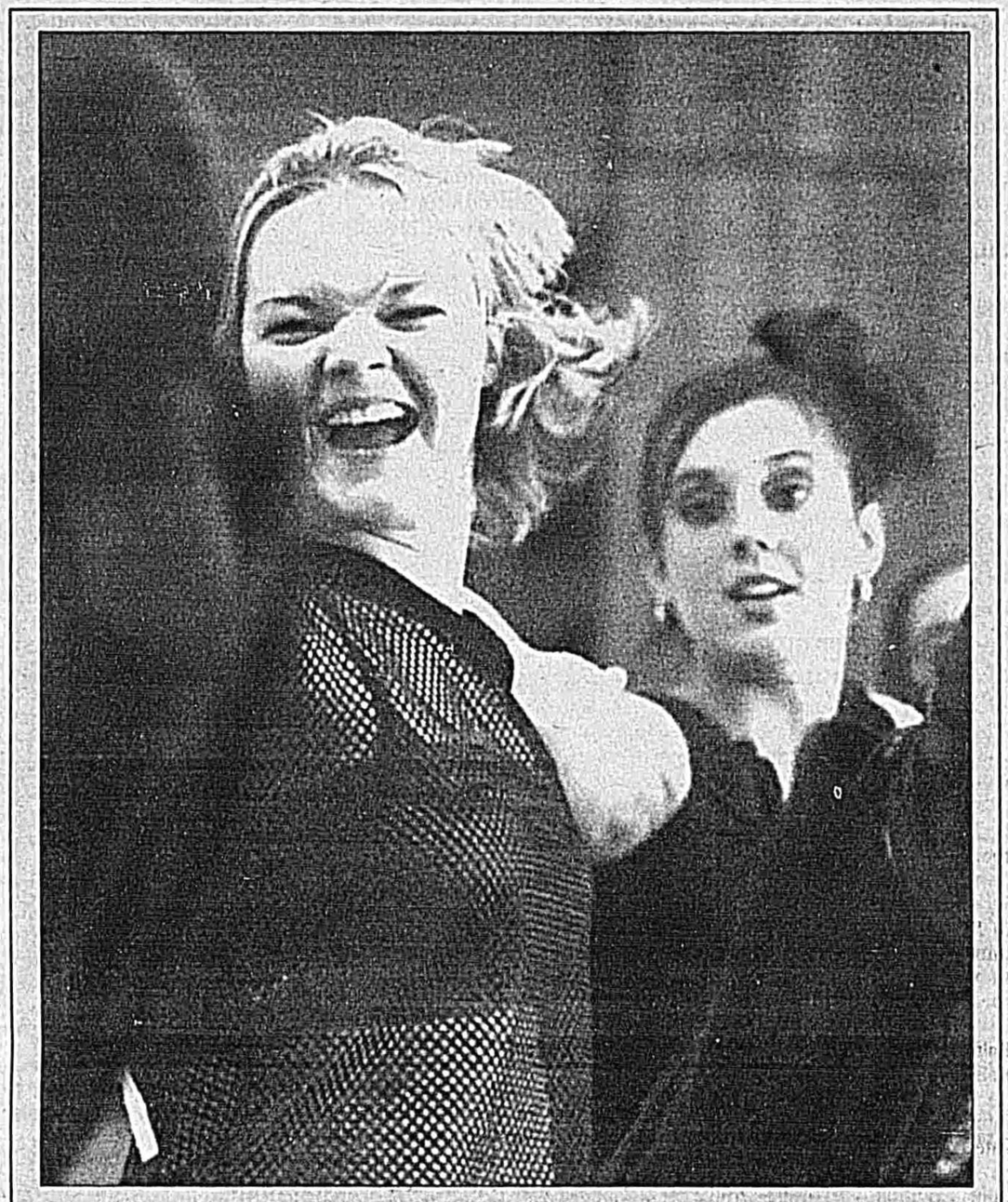
Incumbent Glenn Ryback survived a scare and won a fourth term as trustee by a slim margin with 586 votes to Debbie Spurgeon's 575 votes.

Ryback, along with Lynn Schlosser (794 votes) and Mary Carmody (616), will serve four-year terms. Mike DeMarco got the voters' nod for re-election to a two-year trustee position in an uncontested race.

Schlosser, whose father-in-law Gilbert Schlosser was Wadsworth's mayor in the 1960s, takes the step up from the current clerk of the village, to trustee.

Taking Schlosser's spot as village clerk will be Christine Stickler. Ryback said Stickler will be up to the challenge. And as an added perk, "(Schlosser) will be right there to give her on-the-job training if any is needed."

The new trustees round out the board that will be led by new village president, Ken Furlan—formerly village trustee—who bounced Evelyn Hoselton from office with 46 percent of the vote.



March 14

Sami Henriksen and Kristen Morakalis, members of Wauconda High School's pom-pom squad, practice their kick routine in preparation for state finals.—*Photo by Sandy Bressner*

Beach Park bus driver faces charges, lawsuit

Local families are seeking damages in excess of $50,000 in a civil lawsuit filed this week against Alfred E. Jones, the Jones School Bus Services, and the Beach Park School District.

Jones, a resident of Zion, faces criminal charges for sexually abusing an undisclosed number of young girls while he was a bus driver.

Attorney Dean Mauro, who is representing the families, said additional lawsuits will soon be filed on behalf of new victims.

Jones is accused of inappropriately touching and fondling the young girls, who rode his bus.

Board, developers at odds over development

Wadsworth village officials and developer CenterPoint, Inc. couldn't seem to agree on a proposed commercial and retail development, to take shape just east of Tri-State Tollway near Route 173.

The village board reviewed the developer's latest PUD (planned unit development) proposal at the Dec. 16 board meeting, and many board members were displeased.

Mayor Ken Furlan said the proposal did not comply with guidelines and requirements the board laid out last June. "In June we totally disagreed with what they had submitted," Furlan said. "We waited all this time for a submittal, and this one is totally inadequate also."

The proposal is legally supposed to be reviewed by the plan commission, but the board said it's not ready yet. CenterPoint is proposing a 225-acre industrial, commercial and retail development.

Wadsworth Road widening unpopular among residents

The Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) plan to widen Wadsworth Road has upset residents in the village, especially those living or working on Wadsworth Road.

Mayor Ken Furlan said the initial proposal, which was shown to village board members about four months ago, was dramatic.

"The proposal that came back to the (Wadsworth village) board was for two driving lanes, a turn lane in the center, so it would be three lanes wide, with parking spaces on both sides of the road and bike paths on both sides of the road," Furlan said. "It would have taken it up to the porches of a lot of houses. That was the initial proposal that many, many residents were upset with."

Lake County Board member Randy Whitmore said because Wadsworth Road is a county road, the LCDOT was working on a plan to widen it.

"We had an informal meeting with people who lived on Wadsworth Road to see if they wanted to make any adjustments to the plan," Whitmore said. "They're very upset that they have to pay the brunt of a new road to come through the downtown area."

Residents protest road expansion

Residents of a Wadsworth neighborhood are protesting the expansion of Chaplin Road, which they say will make the neighborhood less safe for their children.

But Mayor Ken Furlan is calling the road expansion an important health a safety issue for other reasons.

Furlan and other board members agree that the "completion" of Chaplin road will allow fire trucks greater access to the neighborhood.

Cathy Werner, who lives right near Chaplin on Pine Grove is upset about how the expansion will affect her neighborhood.

"Every road dead ends out here, and we and our neighbors have always appreciated that about it out here," said Werner. "Now we're going to have a great deal of cut through traffic."

Werner and about 20 other residents protested the construction, but soon Werner woke up to the sounds of chainsaws cutting down trees as construction was underway.

Wadsworth Crossing expected to boost tax revenue

Wadsworth Crossing, a three and a half-acre strip mall-type development, at the corner of Wadsworth Road and Route 41 in Wadsworth, opened in summer.

Grosskoph said Phase 3 of the development, a 14,400 square foot retail shopping center, is expected to open in summer of 2004. Currently, no retailers have committed to the space.

The development, village officials say, is expected to boost the village's sales tax revenue.

"It's going to give the village sales tax opportunities that we don't have now," Village Administrator Cindy McCammack said.

Newport property values on the increase

Property values in Newport Township have skyrocketed in the past year, according to a recent report by the Newport Township Assessor's Office. Residential property owners likely noticed larger-than-usual increases when their assessment notices recently came in the mail.

The township has seen an average increase of 12.5 percent in assessed values, the most in over a decade.

Newport FD gets new gear, live fire training center

Members of the Newport Fire Department will soon be outfitted with new gear and a three-story live-fire training facility. Fire Chief Mark Kirschhoffer said the department received two grant awards, allowing for the purchase of both.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded the department with a $66,218 grant. Kirschhoffer said this grant is part of the Fire Act program initiated by President Bush after Sept. 11, in an attempt to bring fire departments across the country up to date on turn-out gear and safety equipment. The grant will fund 90 percent of the $73,575 cost of replacing the department's aging safety gear.

"This will get us new boots, pants, helmets, gloves and gear like that to bring us up to speed," Kirschhoffer said.

The department also received a $200,000 grant from the Illinois First Program. This grant, Kirschhoffer said, will be used to construct a three-story live-fire training facility.

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Hazardous chemical found in wells

Health officials are concerned about the presence of vinyl chloride in five private water wells near the former Wauconda Sand & Gravel landfill.

Now a federal Superfund site, the landfill was closed in 1978.

"We haven't been able to determine at this time that the source is the landfill," said Mike Kuhn, solid waste specialist for the Lake County Health Department.

"That's an obvious place we're going to look."

A human carcinogen, vinyl chloride is a man-made substance used to make polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipes and plastic products. It can also be caused by the breakdown of other chemicals.

While amounts of the substance found are within allowable drinking water standards, those whose wells have been effected have been advised to consider using bottled water for cooking and drinking.

The effected wells belong to homes located near the landfill in the Hillcrest subdivision.

Sludge threatens Wauconda spillway

Clay sludge was dumped into a Lakeview Villa spillway that feeds into the Circle Channel.

An excavation contractor working near the Liberty Lakes subdivision in Wauconda pumped silt-laden water into a nearby storm sewer inlet that led to the spillway.

Lakeview residents are angry over the discharge of sludge into a channel that is already buckling under the weight of strormwater runoff debris.

The contractor had been digging a sewer and water main near the intersection to connect to the subdivision when they encountered a high water table which contained a high level of clay silt.

Public Works ordered the pumps to be shut down.

Island Lake man guilty of attempted murder

Wauconda Township resident, Robert Luga, 22, was convicted by a Lake County jury Aug. 29 of the attempted murder of Island Lake resident, Manuel Baltier, 26.

Luga and 22-year old Eric Kelleher of Elmhurst, befriended Baltier in an Island Lake sports bar in the early hours of April 22 and offered him a ride home. Instead, said Assistant State's Attorney, Victor O'Block, they drove him to a secluded area in Port Barrington, where they beat and robbed him of his substantial winnings from a dart competition and left him unconscious on the side of a road.

Luga's said that he acted in self-defense after Baltier became belligerent and attacked himself and Kelleher.

Luga's attorney, Assistant Public Defender, John Bailey, asked the jury for a conviction of aggravated battery.

Baltier's injuries resulted in brain damage, multiple lacerations and bruises, and a broken larynx.

Students brace for dress code changes

Wauconda Community Unit District 118 officials plan to stick with the approved changes in the "student appearance" code for 2003-04.

The dress code change was communicated to students and parents in school newsletters, and raised some opposition to them at Wauconda High School.

"In my whole life, I never had to have a dress code. Why now? I don't think anyone will follow it," said sophomore Eric Barnes.

Barnes was one of the WHS students who signed a petition against the dress code changes.

"We want to try and stop the enforcement of it," he said of the goal of the petitions.

Study reviewed to end bike ban

Parents, community members, and school district staff members have worked to find a way to lift the ban at three Wauconda CUSD 118 schools by forming the Safe Bikes to School committee.

At a meeting Oct. 6, the committee met to discuss results of a parent survey and traffic flow studies.

Surveys returned by parents of students at WHS, WMS, and WGS - the three schools effected by the ban - indicated that less than a third of students preferred riding bikes to school.

Traffic flow studies by parents and school staff members showed that rules of the road were not being followed by motorists.

The committee will work towards finding solutions to traffic problems and educating children on safe bike riding, so that children can ride their bikes to school safely.

The location of bike racks, flashing lights in school zones, and crossing guards are being considered by the committee.

Volo Auto Museum fights big competitor

A letter "v" could make all the difference in the world for Volo Auto Museum.

The 40-year-old museum, located on Volo Village Road, finds itself in a contentious debate with Volvo of North America due to similar sounding web sites. The auto company, a division of Ford Motor Company, proceeded against the museum's owners to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) over the matter.

The Grams family has operated the museum in western Lake County for four decades. It is home to 250 cars and specialty shops. Over the years, cars owned by Michael Jordan, Natalie Wood, Helen Brach, the Batmobile, the Dukes of Hazard car, KIPP the talking car, and many others, have called the museum home. Its web site is www.volocars.com, and includes a link to the Ford division if customers made a mistake.

New trustees take i ssue with appointments

The usual platitudes for the new village board members were to be had, but also controversy as three trustees disagreed with some of Wauconda Mayor Jim Eschenbauch's appointments.

The issue came to a head regarding the appointment of Tom Carr to a three-year term on the police and fire commission. Newly seated trustees Sal Saccomanno, Paul Bird and Patrick Murphy opposed this, but Eschenbauch broke the tie vote and the appointment stood.

"We were misled about who was going to be on the police commission. We talked before the meeting on how it was going to go. We thought Joe Altmann, for all he did for the village, should be retained on the police commission.

Murphy and Saccomanno said that they did not have anything against Carr, only that they thought Altmann should have been given the nod.

Also named to three-year terms on the board of fire and police commission were Jim Hill and Penny Lally. The terms lasts until 2006 for Carr, 2005 for Lally and 2004 for Hill.



May 30

Two-year-old Carlos Soto, Jr. has the best seat on the block atop his father's shoulders during the annual Wauconda Memorial Day Parade on Main Street.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

Campbell Woods site's foes heard

The continued hearing on the controversial Campbell Woods subdivision known as Pine Ridge in Island Lake proved to be just as intense as the initial plan commission meeting.

Harmony Homes wishes to build 24 single-family homes, with a zoning change from estate to R-2, on the 20 acres off Burr Oak Lane and Westridge subdivision.

Plan commission member Dusty Powell continued to take part in the hearings, despite charges that he should be excused because he lives near the project. "You are assuming that he can't render an impartial decision," said Island Lake Plan Commission Chairman Don Torgensen. Another member had excused himself from the proceedings because he is an architect involved in the plan.

Residents sought an alternative to the 24 lots proposed by Harmony Homes. A plan commission recommendation, which may or may not be accepted by the village board, was expected at the third session on the matter, June 11.

Oak Grove residents demand vacating road

Oak Grove residents pelted Wauconda officials with demands to vacate a 20-foot road between the subdivision and the auto shop owned by neighbor, Timothy Leicht at the village board meeting Nov. 4.

Residents of the 82-home community crammed into the boardroom in a show of solidarity, ordering the village to support them in their quest to prevent Leicht from building a car wash, gas station and convenience store on his land.

Vacating the street, which is village property, would hinder Leicht's plans, residents said.

Residents oppose Leicht's plans saying those facilities would create too much traffic in the area.

Leicht has stated he would fight any action by the village to vacate the road.

Lake County Board member, Bonnie Thomson Carter (R-Ingleside) pointed out that as Leicht's property is not within the village bounds, the county would not approve any plans he may have that has access to a municipal road without the consent of the municipality.

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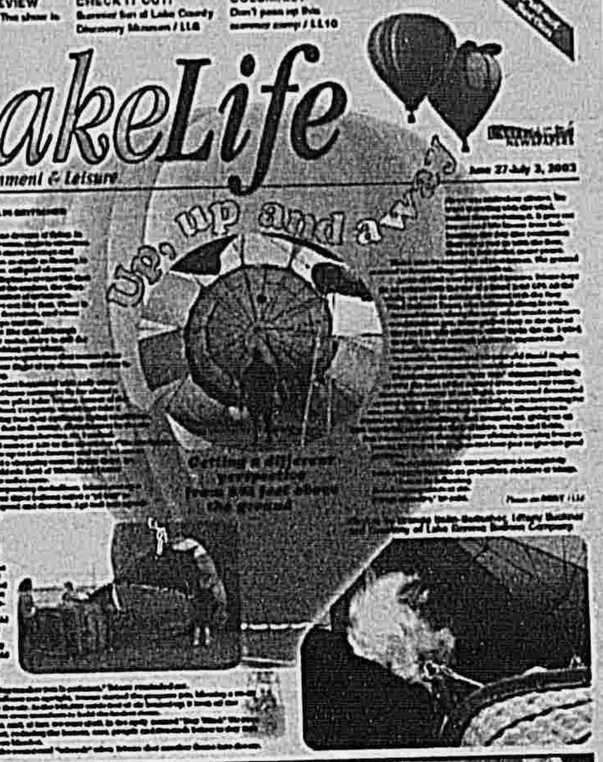




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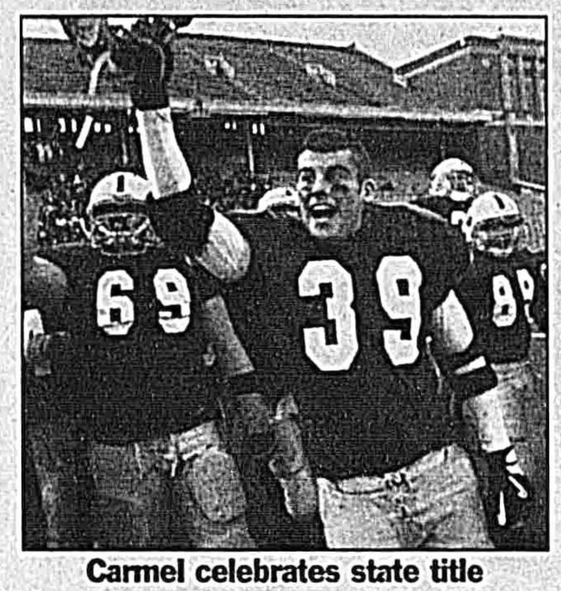
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Sports Year In Review

Glory Days

This past year was a year of firsts when it came to Lakeland-area sports. Almost all of the top sports stories featured teams or individuals that reached unprecedented heights. The following is a look back at the top-10 stories from 2003, as well as some other stories that were our "best of the rest."



Carmel celebrates state title

Top-10 stories

1. A team of destiny

It seems that Carmel was given the state title before the team ever took a snap.

The Corsairs returned the bulk of their team that won the Prep Bowl in 2002, and nothing short of a state title would do this time around.

And unlike other teams that fail to live up to endless hype, Carmel lived up to all the expectations, and then some.

Coach Andy Bitto's squad overcame early-season turnover woes, and rolled through the regular season with a 27-point average margin of victory, including a 41-14 drubbing of eventual Class 5A champ Joliet Catholic Academy, a team that Carmel hadn't beaten in over 30 years.

And in the playoffs it got better, or worse if you were unfortunate enough to play the Corsairs in the post-season.

In the playoffs, Carmel beat the opposition by an average of 30 points, culminating in a 54-26 win over Bloomington in the Class 6A title game.

The win gave Carmel its first state title, and Lake County's first state football champ since Deerfield in 1975. And it seemed that the Corsairs hardly broke a sweat along the way.

2. 10 yards from glory

Imagine coming within a few feet of a lifelong dream, only to come up short.

That's what happened to Libertyville in the Class 7A title game against Oswego.

Facing 2nd-and-goal from the Oswego 2-yard line in overtime, down 28-21, the Cats were stopped three times by a determined Panthers defense, ending Libertyville's hopes of a perfect season.

Still, it was a record-setting season for the Cats, who finished with a 13-1 record.

Although spirits were low at times after the loss, Libertyville's Santino Panico summed it up best.

"The relationships that I made this year are so much more rewarding than any victory," Panico said.

2a. Iron Man

Speaking of Panico, the senior all-purpose player had one of the best single seasons in Lake County history, and was rewarded with the Illinois Player of the Year award.



Panico finished the season with 1,263 yards rushing on 131 carries, a 9.6-yard average per carry, and 19 rushing touchdowns. He also caught 31 passes for 481 yards and four TDs.

He also played a mean defensive back, racking up 50-plus tackles and three sacks.

It's no wonder that Panico has been selected to play in the U.S. Army All-American game later this month.

Despite the accolades, Panico remained humble, instead turning his focus to the team's goals and the team's accomplishments.

"I owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to my coaches. (I am most grateful) for the players that I lined up this season," Panico said.

Panico added: "I would give away every accolade, every yard, every touchdown, every play I was in to win a state championship with these players."

3. Skyhawks fly high

Using a tremendous height advantage and strong outside shooting, Johnsburg's boys basketball team won its first sectional title in 25 years, and the school's first in Class AA.

The Skyhawks were led by its core of seniors, including 6-8 center John Smith, Adam Vesley and Brad Preston, but Smith was quick to point out that the trio of seniors had a lot of help.

"We're not a one-person team," Smith said.

Johnsburg coach Ed Sennett agreed with Smith's thoughts, pointing out the other players.

"All of our kids were unsung heroes," Sennett said.

The Skyhawks had key contributions from several players in a 60-53 win over Rockford Boylan at the Rockford Jefferson Sectional finals and in a 51-22 win over East Moline United in the Moline Super Sectionals, giving Johnsburg a berth in the state tournament at Bradley University in Peoria.

Johnsburg's magical 30-2 season ended with a 47-24 loss to Glenbrook North in the opening round of the state tournament.

4. Déjà vu for Mustang gymnasts

After losing top gymnast Matt Michalek to graduation and three-time state champion coach Doug Foerch to Highland Park, new coach Eric Liva didn't expect much going into the season.

"We will be okay this year," Liva said prior to the season. "We have some weaknesses, but the kids are working hard."

All of that hard work appeared to pay off as Mundelein seemingly came out of nowhere to finish second to Stevenson in the state title meet.

Mundelein was led by Phil Zumstein, who finished 4th in the all-around competition at state.

"This team surpassed all expectations," Liva said. "We were just hoping to get to state. Once we got there things just started falling into place."

5. Warren gymnasts finish 2nd

For the second time in three years, Warren finished second to Stevenson in the state title meet. The Devils finished with 148.925 team points, less than three points behind the champion Patriots.

Individually, Danyelle Aber finished 2nd in the vault competition and 7th in the all-around and Ashley Alden took 3rd in the all-around.

The team included: Aber, Alden, Morgan Kuhn, Shannon McDonough, Maureen Moss, Erin Schmidt and Christy Worth.

6. Grayslake freshman named to All-State team

Despite playing competitive tennis for just four years, Grayslake freshman Lynne Poggensee-Wei overcame her inexperience to finish in the top-8 in the state tournament, earning All-State honors in the process.

Poggensee-Wei went 5-2 in the tournament, the best ever finish for a Grayslake player.

While there isn't much to criticize in her game, she is her own toughest critic.

"She's very hard on herself," Grayslake coach Sarah Lesinski-Roscoe said.



Andy Napier

Poggensee-Wei added: "You can't be good because someone else wants you to; you have to be good because you want you to."

7. Antioch's Napier All-State in cross country

After just missing All-State honors in 2002 with a 27th-place finish, Antioch's Andy Napier shaved 33 seconds off his 2002 performance, finishing the three-mile course at Detweiller Park in Peoria in 14 minutes, 35 seconds.

The time was good enough for a 4th place finish in a field of 251 runners.

Napier's finish came as a surprise, even to him.

"Coach (Dave Judson) talked to me over the summer and told me I should shoot for top-5, and I was like, "Yeah, right,'" Napier said.

8. Devils boot local competition

Warren surpassed all expectations, including those of local media, who didn't even have the Devils ranked in pre-season polls, to earn its first-ever berth in the Class AA state tournament.

The highlight of the year for Warren was definitely its 2-1 win over Libertyville in the Mundelein Sectional final.



Warren soccer

"We know a lot of the Libertyville players, and they were always talking about beating us," Warren senior defender Brennan O'Brien said. Warren's season ended in the opening round of the state tournament at North Central College in Naperville with a 3-0 loss to Rockford Guilford, which went on to finish second.

The Devils (20-4-3) were led throughout the season by Scott Malagon (20 goals, 23 assists), Jeff Smanz (15 goals, 12 assists), Cesar Nunez (14 goals, 10 assists) and goalkeeper Alex Dreyer, who allowed just 22 goals in 22 games.

9. Westlake Academy wins ACSI state title

Led by Keith Krass, Andy Rdzok, Justin Bernardy and Vaughn Golston, the Grayslake-based Westlake Christian Academy Eagles won its second straight Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) state title.

The Eagles then went on to compete in the National Association of Christian Athletics tournament in Dayton, Tenn., finishing fourth. It was the school's best ever finish in the tournament, which formed in 1980.

10. CLC volleyball wins 37 straight matches

Before losing to McHenry in the Region IV state tournament, CLC had won 37 straight matches, a streak that ran for over two months.

The Lady Lancers finished with a 39-6 record, and the team's first Skyway Conference title since 1986.

"We took this program to its highest level ever," CLC coach Bob Taterka said.

CLC also had its first-ever volleyball player named to the All-American team, as sophomore Erin Whitehead took home the honors.



CLC women's volleyball

Best of the Rest

While these stories weren't quite big enough to crack the top-10, they were still important, and worth mentioning. The following stories are listed in no particular order.

Rams get first ever playoff win

On the strength of a punishing defense, led by linebacker Doug Hanson and sack specialist Corey Williams, Grayslake finished the regular season 7-2, earning the school's first playoff berth since 1990.

In the post-season, it got even better as the Rams defeated Zion-Benton 30-7 in the opening round of the Class 7A playoffs, for the school's first playoff win. The team's season ended a week later with a 22-21 loss to McHenry.

LHS' Mientus earns All-State honors

Libertyville freshman Erica Mientus had an impressive debut at the state cross country meet, finishing the three-mile course at Detweiller Park in Peoria in 17 minutes, 46 seconds. Mientus finished 18th out of 253 runners, earning All-State honors in the process.

Miles inducted into Golf Hall of Fame

After 50 years on the golf course, Merit Club Superintendent Oscar Miles was inducted into the Illinois Golf Hall of Fame.

"It's fantastic that they've recognized my accomplishments," Miles said. "It's quite a prestigious award."

Schachner wins Tournament of Champions

While her brother Michael, a senior at Libertyville High School, usually got the share of headlines in the family, LHS sophomore Nicole Schachner made a few of her own by winning the Illinois Junior Golf Association Tournament of Champions over the summer.

"It was a good start to the season," Schachner said.

Her season ended with her second straight trip downstate, and a tie for 5th place at the state meet.

Rob Backus, Christine LaFave, Steve Peterson and John Phelps contributed to this report. Lakeland file photos.

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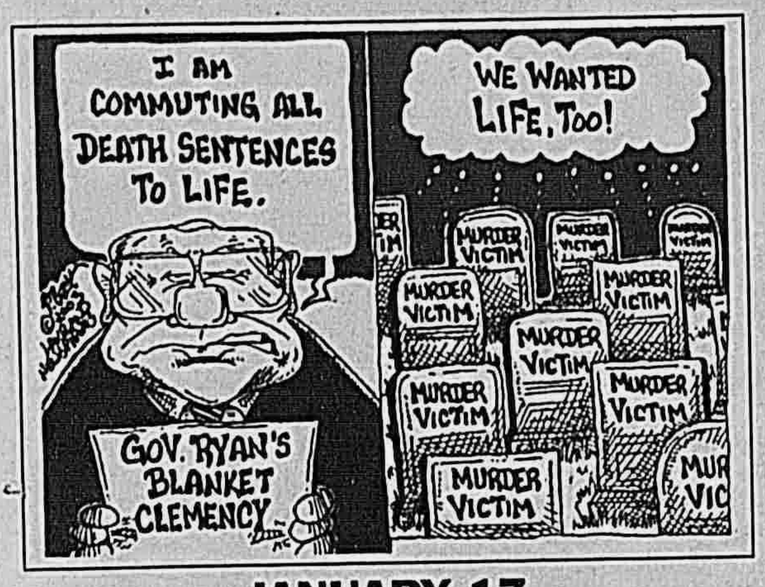
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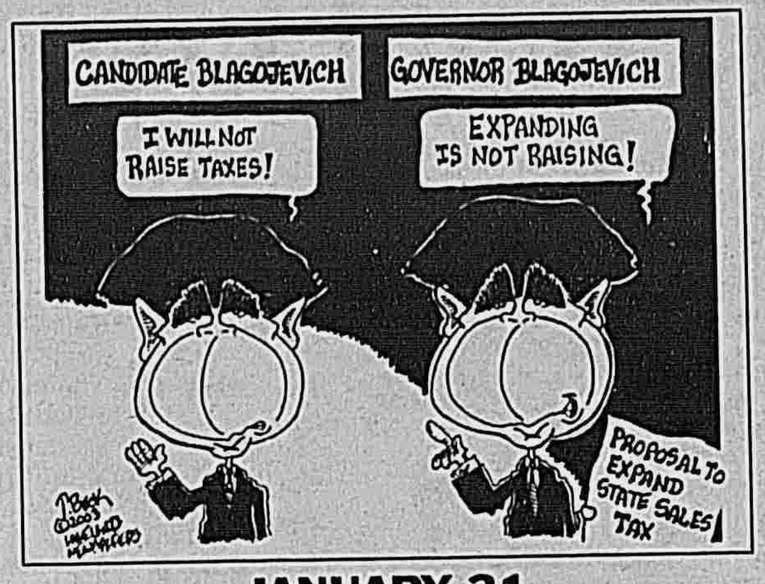
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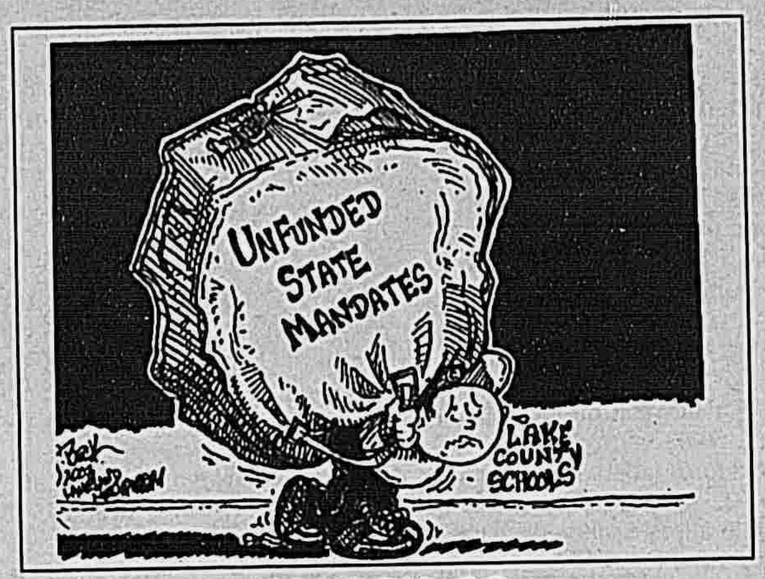
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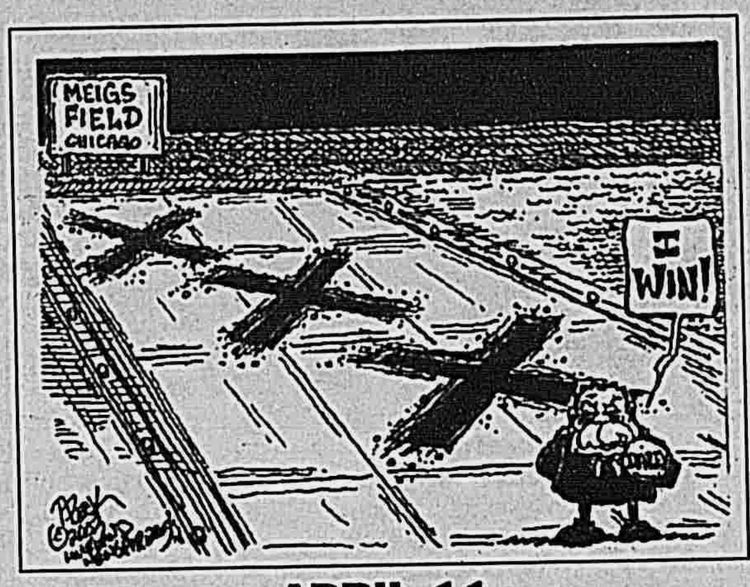
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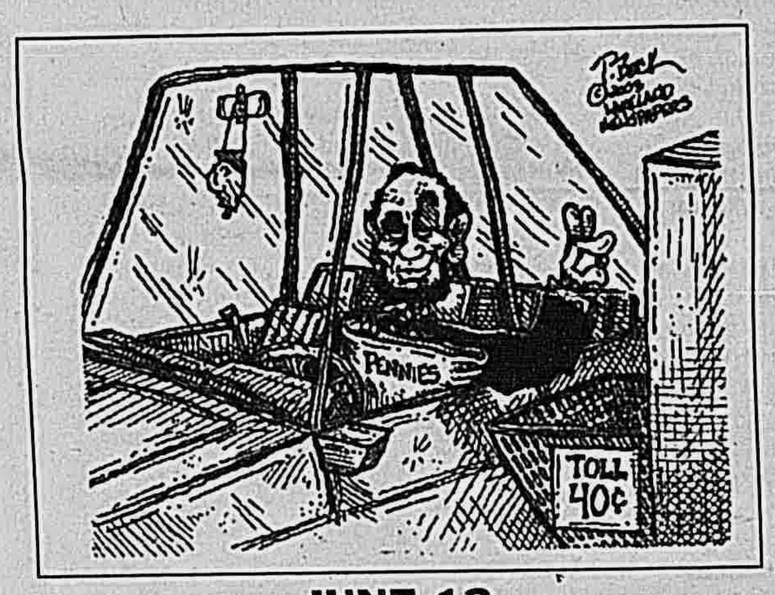
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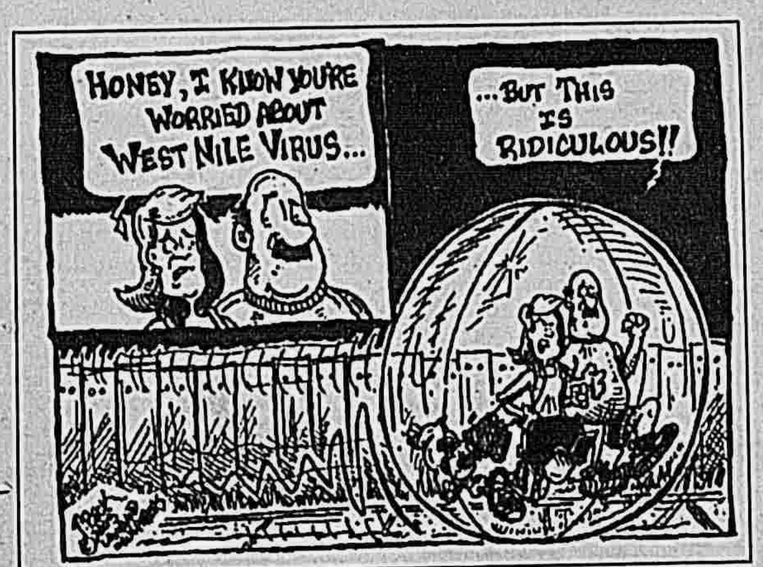
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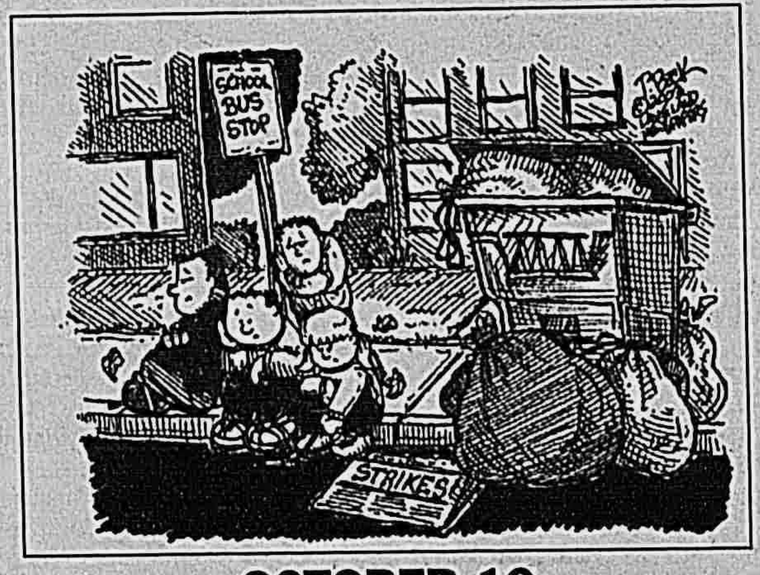
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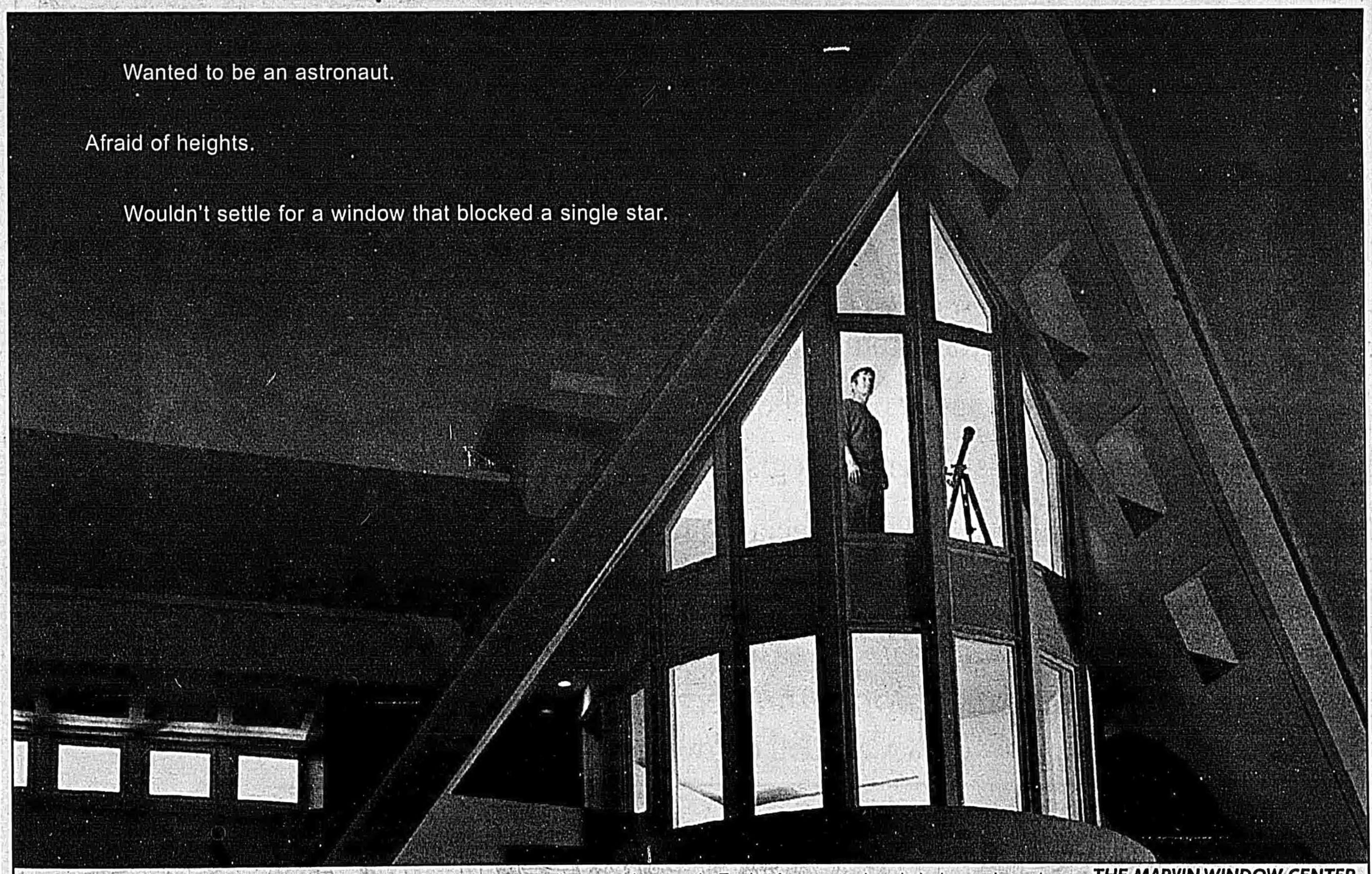
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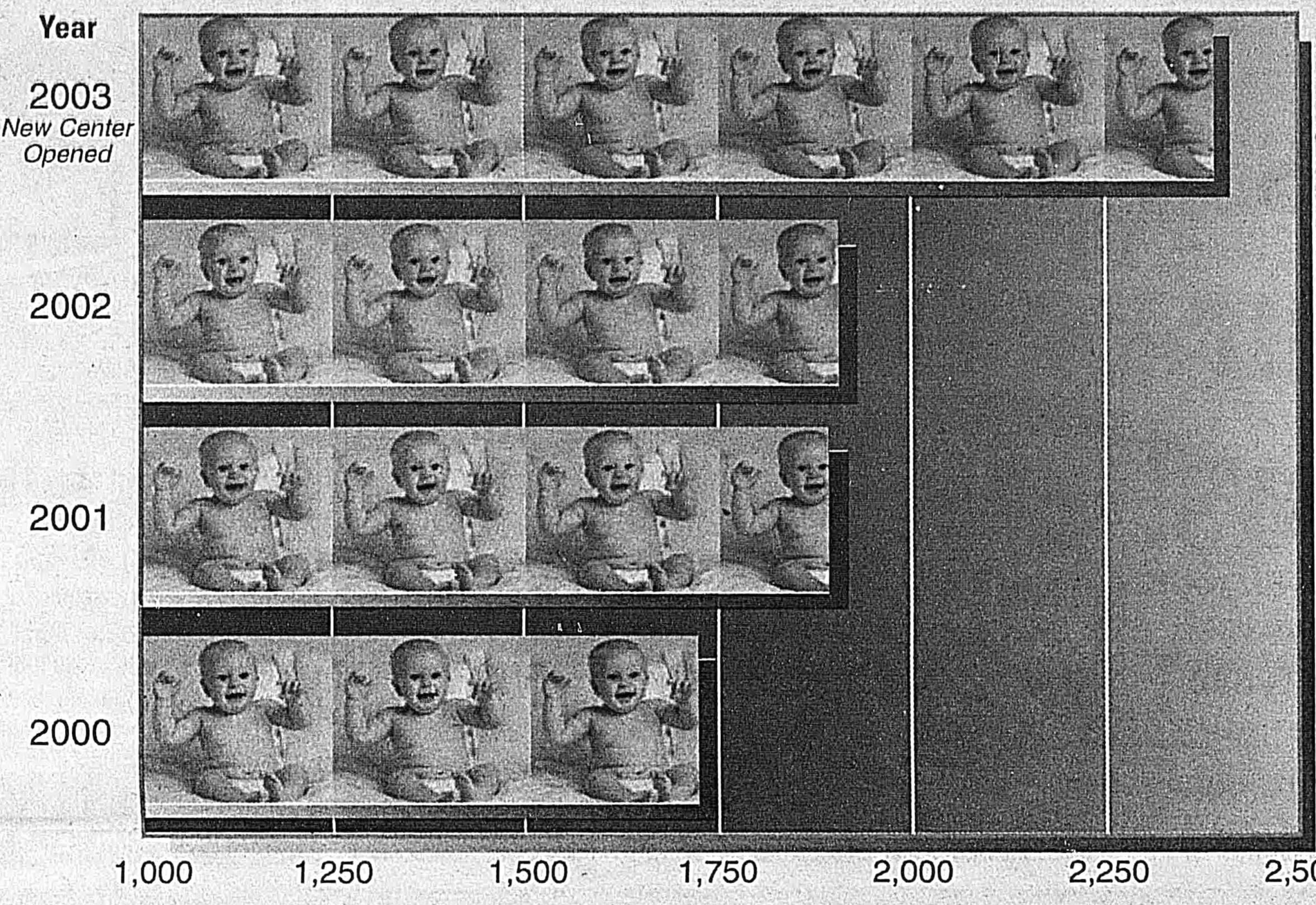
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OBITUARIES

Rev. Dr. E. Duane Hulse

Age 82 of Saddlebrook Farms in Grayslake, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003 at ManorCare Health Services in Libertyville. He was a retired Methodist minister, and was a Chaplain in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Surviving are his wife, Pearl; two daughters, Karolyn (Conrad) Landsness of McFarland, Wis. and Judy (Rollie) Hackbart of Buffalo Grove; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; a brother and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service was held at 11 a.m., Jan. 10 at the United Methodist Church in Libertyville. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Philip E. Ormanovich

Age 44 of Vernon Hills, passed away Friday, Jan. 2, 2004 at his home.

Surviving are two children, Katie and Cal; two brothers; two sisters; his mother-in-law, Ann Guerra of No. Las Vegas, Nev. and father-in-law Henry Guerra of Chicago, and many other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by h is wife Gina Ormanovich on July 17, 2001 and by his parents, Steve and Sharon Ormanovich.

Private Services were held Jan. 5 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. A Memorial Service and interment will be held in Michigan.

Thomas J. Albrecht Jr.

Age 62 of Park City, passed away Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004 at the VA Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wis., following a lengthy illness. Tom served in the U.S. Army in Germany and was a former manager of the Lake Pointe Towers in Chicago.

Surviving are his sister, JoAnn Shaffar of Park City; two brothers, Timothy Albrecht of Park City and Garon Albrecht of Cary; three nieces and two nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Angela Albrecht.

Private services were held at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home. in Libertyville with interment at Windridge Cemetery in Cary.

Morris Chernoff

Age 93 of Gurnee, formerly of Round Lake Park, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004 at St. Therese Hospital in Waukegan. He was a retired mail carrier and served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

He is survived by his daughter, Janet (Donski) Clark of Gurnee; son, David (Julie) Chernoff; granddaughter; and a grandson. He is preceded in death by his wife, Ruth in 1990.

Visitation was from 9-11 a.m., Jan. 10 at Marsh Funeral Home of Waukegan. Services followed at Northshore Garden of Memories Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Marsh Funeral Home of Waukegan.

Donavon D. Retke

Age 74 of Libertyville, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. Don enlisted in the U.S. Army serving for 20 years and retiring in 1968.

Surviving are his wife, Mary (nee Stahl) Retke of Libertyville and his son, Neal Retke of Austin, Tex. He is preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Eva Retke; by two sisters; two brothers and his son, Todd D. Retke on April 28, 2002.

Funeral Services were held at 1:30 p.m., Jan. 9 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville with the Rev. J.D. Millar officiating. Interment was in Fort Sheridan Cemetery. Visitation was from noon until the time of services on Jan. 9.

Donald W. Osborne

Age 89 of Greenfield, Ind., passed away Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004 at the Beverly Healthcare Center in Greenfield, Ind. Don was a teacher and the head of the English Department at Libertyville High School. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the European Theatre during WWII.

Surviving are his wife, Lola Osborne: two children, Don Christopher (Diane) Osborne of Greenfield, Ind. and Julie Beth (Robert) Peterson of Boca Raton, Fla.; and four grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Ethel Osborne; by a son, Robert in 1943 and a sister, Julia Shrout

Funeral Service was held at 1 p.m., Jan. 10 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation was from 5-8 p.m., Jan. 9. Memorial contributions can be made to Hope Church in Don's memory.

Raymond H. Billings

Age 87 of Vernon Hills, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004 at the Libertyville Manor.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Billings of Vernon Hills; two children, Patricia (Chris) Glenn of Antioch and Kenneth (Barbara) Billings of Federal Way, Wash.; three grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters.

A Memorial Service was held at 3 p.m., Jan. 10 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Eleanor V. Gont (nee Japek)

Age 87 of North Chicago, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004 at Victory Memorial Hospital in Waukegan.

Surviving are two daughters, Christine Paramski of Libertyville and Kathleen Guinn of Waukegan; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren; her sister and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Ignatz F. Gont on April 21, 1989; by her parents, Frank and Henrietta (nee Walczak) Japek; her sister and son-in-law, Frank Paramski.

Funeral Service was held at 10:30 a.m., Jan. 9 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Visitation was from 9 a.m. until the time of services, Jan. 9.

Walter J. Brysiewicz Sr. (Brice)

Age 80 of Lake Villa, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born the son of the late John and Lucille Brysiewicz. In 1971, he founded Brice Industries Inc., in Lake Villa. He was a veteran of WWII, having served in the U.S. Marine Corp. as a Fighter Pilot in the Pacific Theater.

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 54 years, Marilyn; his children, John (Sherry) of Lindenhurst, Robert (Kathy) of Bartlett, Lynn of Plymouth, Minn., Sandy (Keith) Halevy of Palatine, Ginger (Len) Benning of Island Lake, and Walter Jr. (Gwen) of Lake Villa; his grandchildren; great grandchildren and a sister. He is preceded in death by his granddaughter, Christy and a sister.

Funeral Services began at 10:30 a.m., Jan. 10 from Ringa Funeral Home, in Lake Villa, to Prince of Peace Church for an 11 a.m., Funeral Mass. Interment was private. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Jan. 9 and Jan. 10 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Betsey Lillian (Message) (Young) Clemons

Age 70 of Snowflake, Ariz., formerly of Antioch, passed away Friday, Jan. 2, 2004 at her home. She was born the daughter of the late John and Lena (Spafford) Message. She attended Antioch Schools and graduated from Antioch Community High School.

Survivors include her husband, Emerson Clemons whom she married on Nov. 25, 1988; her ex-husband, Bill Young of Oklahoma, formerly of Antioch; her son, David (Sherrie) Young of Salem, Wis.; a daughter, Linda (Luke) Straw of Joseph City, Ariz.; five grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and her brothers. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by one brother.

Silver Creek Chapel in Arizona handled her cremation services.

Ludwig Dolinar



Ludwig Dolinar

Ludwig "Lud" Dolinar, 77, passed away at home on Friday, Jan. 9, 2004. He was a lifelong Waukegan-area resident, and the loving son of his birth parents, the late Jacob and Antoinette Dolinar, and step-father, the late George Cerk Sr.; brother to cherished twin sister Bernice (Raymond) Grigutis of the Cherokee village in Arkansas and fond uncle to the late Patricia Wojik and great-uncle to several nieces and nephews. Devoted husband to his long love of 30 years, Frances, whom he married in 1985 until she was called to Heaven in 1999.

He was also a dear step-father to Mary (Peter) Gromada of Johnsburg and James (Carol) Manthie of Grayslake; a loving "Grampa" to Jennine (Neil) Kristiansort of Geneva, Marcus (Dawn) Jenkins of Waukegan, Colleen (Tim) Applegate of Lindenhurst and Danielle (Bob) Steensma of St. Michael, Minn; and a beloved great-grandfather to Amber Steensma and Marissa Applegate.

Dolinar was an Army veteran of World War II, served his country in the Army Air Corps, stationed primarily in Okinawa, from 1944-46. Following his military service, Dolinar worked at Johns Manville for 11 years before taking a position at Johnson Motors, where he was an exemplary employee for 30 years before retiring in 1985. He was a member of Moose Lodge #706, the American Legion and the Slovenian National Benefit Society.

At his request, there will be a private service, contact Marsh Funeral Home at 847-336-0127 for more information. Donations in his name can be made to the Slovene National Benefit Society by calling 724-695-1100 or a charity of your choice.

Helen M. Ferger

Passed away peacefully Sunday, January the 4th in Naples, Fla. where she had been living with her daughter, Gail.

Helen was born Oct. 18, 1914 in Minthill, Mo., to Lee Roy Bentley and Alpha Omega (nee Ames) and had lived most of her life in the Chicago and NW Suburban areas. Prior to her move to Naples, Fla. in September of 2003, she had resided in Woodstock for the previous 13 years.

Helen was a loving mother to her son, Ronald Thill (Geneta), Emporium, Kan.; daughters, Sharlene Larsen, Hancock, Wis., Patricia Berthold, Marco Island, Fla. and Gail Wittenberg, formerly of Wauconda; also her stepson, Arthur Lindblad (Maryann) of Hanover Park. She was the grandmother of 23 grandchildren and the great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother of many.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, George Lindblad and Charles Ferger; also her sons-in-law, Roy Larsen and Alfred Berthold and three great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit at the Meadows Funeral Home on Kirchoff Road in Rolling Meadows on Friday, Jan. 9 from 3-9 p.m. There was a service on Saturday, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m., followed by interment at the Elmwood Cemetery in River Grove.

Memorial contributions may be made in Helen's name to Hospice of Naples, 1095 Whippoorwill Ln., Naples, Fla. 34105.

Betty A. Barnes (nee Nawrocki)

Age 74, a resident of Bull Head City, Ariz. for the past 16 years and a former longtime resident of Ingleside, died Dec. 6. 2003 in Tucson, Ariz. She was born on Nov. 27, 1929 in Chicago to Walter and Lillian (nee Vesolowski) Nawrocki, and had been a former injection mold production employee for Baxter Lab Hospital Supply Manufacturing Co. in Round Lake. She enjoyed cooking for her family and crocheting.

Survivors include: her children: Richard (Barbara) Barnes, Harold (Connie) Barnes, Robert (Barbara) Barnes, Dolores (Mike) Considine, Joseph (Eileen) Barnes, Patricia (Joe) Crusa, Mary Ann (Dean) Pickering, Carol Ann Schwarz, Clarence Barnes Jr., Edward (Karen) Barnes, William (Carol) Barnes, Anna Wisner and George (Tammy) Barnes; 22 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and by her former husband of 25 years, James (Darlene) Barnes. She is preceded in death by her son, James C. Barnes on June 16, 1971, by George Barnes her companion of 16 years on Jan. 20, 2003, by 12 brothers and sisters and by her parents.

Memorial Services will be conducted Saturday, Jan. 17 at 2 p.m. at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home, 12 N. Pistakee Lake Rd., Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake) (one block west of Route 12, 1/2 block north of Grand Avenue) with Richard Barnes officiating. Friends are invited to arrive from 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 17, through the 2 p.m. Memorial Services.

Helen K. Bosman (nee Payton)

Age 80, a summer and permanent resident of Ingleside for the past 42 years, formerly of Chicago, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004 in Crystal Lake. She was born on Jan. 26, 1923 to John and Ceil Payton in Chicago, and was formerly employed with Ace Scavenger Service in Chicago. After moving to Ingleside, she worked in the Fox Lake Sears Catalog Mail Order Department, and was a longtime member of St. Bede Catholic Church.

Survivors include her sons, John Bosman of Ingleside and Michael Bosman of Lake Geneva, Wis.; by a brother, John (Mary Ann) Payton of Leesburg, Fla.; and by nieces, nephews and other relatives. She is preceded in death by her parents and by her husband, Herman Bosman in 1987.

A Catholic Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Jan. 16, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Bede Catholic Church, 36455 N. Wilson Rd., Ingleside. All are invited to arrive at the church from 9:30 a.m. on through the time of the Memorial Mass. Cremains burial will follow the Mass at Grant Cemetery, Ingleside at approximately noon. Memorials for the American Cancer Society Lake Co. Region 100 Tri-State International Suite 125, Lincolnshire, IL 60069 will be appreciated by the family.

Annabelle Richards

Age 91 of Antioch formerly of Port Huron, Mich., passed away Friday, Jan. 9, 2004 at her home. She was born the daughter of the late James and Cora Mae (Hilliard) Barber. On June 28, 1936 she married Orval E. Richards in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. and he preceded her in death on April 25, 1989.

Survivors include her son James (Maryanne) of Antioch and her daughter, Barbara (John C.) Head of Smiths Creek, Mich.; nine grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her daughter Donna Streitz and her brothers and sisters, Roy, Earl, Forrest, Louise, Irene and Edna.

Funeral Service was held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with Rev. Gary Curl officiating. Interment was private. Friends called at the funeral home on Jan. 12 from 4-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Antioch Rescue Squad or to the Foundation Fighting Blindness, P.O. Box 17279 Baltimore,MD 21203-7279 in her memory.

Eugenia T. Noethling

Age 76 of Antioch, passed away on Friday, Jan. 9, 2004 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born the daughter of the late Theodore and Helen Stephandis. On Dec. 16, 1962, she married Roger Noethling.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Roger; her children, Helene (Timothy) Gillespie of Antioch, Lorene (Robert) Switzer of Pittsfield, Mass., Ronald of Trevor, Wis. and Ross of Trevor, Wis.; grandchildren, a brother, a sister and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by a sister, and a brother.

Commemorative Funeral Services were held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 13 at the Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa. Interment was at 11 a.m., Jan. 14 at the Elmwood Cemetery in River Grove. Visitation was on Jan. 13 from 3-6:30 p.m.

Anne D. Willson

Age 94 of Galesburg, formerly of Grayslake, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004 at the Marigold Healthcare Center in Galesburg. She was born the daughter of the late John and Rosa L'Ambrosa D'Albora. In August, 1936, she married Stephen C. Willson in New York City.

She is survived by her children, Julianne (Ed) Hovorka of Mundelein, Jean (Ron) Hlavin of Spring Grove and John (Karen) D'Albora Of Galesburg; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband on April 6, 1972; two great-grandchildren, one sister and two brothers.

Funeral Services with a Mass were held at 10 a.m., Jan. 15 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Lake Villa. Interment was at Avon Centre Cemetery in Lake Villa. Visitation was at the church at 9:15 a.m. until the time of the service. Memorials would be appreciated to the Knox County Humane Society or Save-A-Pet, Inc., 31664 N. Fairfield Rd., Grayslake, IL 60030. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa.

F. James 'Jim' Mabie

Age 83 of Wildwood and Grayslake, passed away at his home on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004. He was born the son of the late Floyd J. Sr. and Esther (nee Cheesbro) Mabie.

He is survived by his wife, Armita; his daughters, Cindy (Bill) Bauer, Lynn (Fred) Lange, Judi (Tom) Yingling and Mary Lou (Chris) Claussen; grandchildren; his sister; special friend and caregiver, Anna Smolinska and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his brother.

Funeral Services began at 10:15 a.m., Jan. 13 from Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa to St. Paul the Apostle Church in Gurnee, for an 11 a.m. Funeral Mass. Interment was at Avon Centre Cemetery in Lake Villa. Visitation was Jan. 12 from 4-8 p.m. and Jan. 13 from 9-10:15 a.m.

Ruth M. Cinelli

Age 77 of Ingleside, died Friday, Jan. 9, 2004 at her home. She was born the daughter of Harold and Alvilda M. (Haugen) Johnson.

Those left to honor her memory include her children, Michael (Linda) Cinelli, Arthur (Lyette) Cinelli, and Maria (Robert) Fortisi and 10 grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband, Harold N. Cinelli in 1991.

Interment was Jan. 12 at 10 a.m. at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Stickney. Arrangements were handled by Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home in Round Lake.

Marion Pechousek Bicknell

Age 102 of Antioch, passed away Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004 at the St. Joseph Home in Kenosha, Wis. She was born Aug. 9, 1901 in Chicago, the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Shanely) Maher. Marion had worked for Sears in Chicago during the 1920s before moving to Antioch. She had operated Mariannes Dress Shop in Antioch for many years and also was an active member of St. Peter Church and a past president of the Altar and Rosary Society. Survivors include her sister, Sister Mary Elizabeth

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Berchmans RSM of Aurora; seven grandchildren, Pamela, Jennifer, and Robert Knourek Jr., Victoria (Scott) Segel, Rebecca (Peter) Marsala, Raymond and Sarah Knourek; nine great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her daughter Elizabeth Catherine (Robert) Knourek; her husbands, Thomas Hunt, Thomas Pechousek and Ray Bicknell; three sisters, Helen (James) Hunt, Marguerite (Matt) Dwyer and Jessie (William) Dwyer and a brother, Martin (Josephine) Maher.

Funeral Services with Mass of Christian burial was held at 11 a.m., Jan. 13 at St. Peter Church in Antioch. Interment was at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Antioch. Visitation was at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch from 9-10:30 a.m. Jan. 13. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Antioch Rescue Squad in her memory.

Anne E. DeMeyer

Age 89 of Peshtigo, Wis. (formerly of Gages Lake) passed away Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004 at the Bay Area Medical Center in Marinette, Wis. She was born the daughter of the late Nickolia and Hilja (nee Jokinen) Mantela. She was a member of St. Gilbert Catholic Church in Grayslake.

She is survived by her sons, Michael R. (Kathryn) DeMeyer of Liberty, SC; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Anne is preceded in death by her husband, Victor H. DeMeyer; and two sisters. Friends of the family joined them for the visitation on Jan. 15 from 4-7 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd. of Grayslake. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at St. Gilbert Catholic Church, 301 E. Belvidere Rd., Grayslake on Friday, Jan. 16 at 11 a.m.

Joan E. Kasik

Age 70 of Leesburg, Fla. formerly of Antioch, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003 in Florida. She was born on June 23, 1933 in Evanston, the daughter of the late Fred and Clara (Adolf) Troesch. She had lived in Lake Villa and Bristol, Wis. before moving to Antioch where she married Dan Kasik on March 25, 1977. Joan was a graduate of Antioch High School and worked as a secretary for Antioch Gasket for 22 years. In 1999 she and her husband retired to Florida.

Survivors include her husband, Dan; three daughters, Terry (Mike) Revak of Oviedo, Fla., Susan (Dan) Ross of Grayslake, Linda (Ed) Burns of Mt Prospect; three sons, Mike Lindstrom of Bristol, Wis., Bruce (Gail) Lindstrom of Antioch, Mark (Shannon) Kasik of Sugarland, Tex. and 12 grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her first husband, Edwin Lindstrom on Dec. 22, 1975 and two brothers and one sister.

Memorial services and interment are pending for a future date.

Daniel A. Machanes

Age 80 of Antioch, passed away Saturday, Jan. 10, 2003 at the VA Medical Center in North Chicago. He was born the son of the late Anton and Derneta (Morris) Mac Hanes. Dan served in the U.S. Army during WWII, was a retired sheet metal worker. On Nov. 23, 1944 he married Elsie L. Cederberg in Petersburg, Va.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie; a daughter, Donna (Gary) Usa of Third Lake; two grandchildren and his beloved dog, Curly.

Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Jan. 16 at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 27034 S. Diagonal Rd., Elwood. Arrangements were handled by the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch.

Louise Hazard Brenner

Age 89, died Jan. 10 at the Swedish Retirement Association Home in Evanston. Mrs. Brenner was born in New York City, the daughter of Floyd Hamilton Hazard and Margaret Hall Hazard.

Surviving is her husband, Carl. They celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on Nov. 26. Also surviving are three sons, Christopher of Grayslake, Charles (Susan) of Menomonie, Wis. and Paul (Susan) of Evanston; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her sister, Sarah Babcock.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 19 in the chapel of the Swedish Retirement Association Home, 2320 Pioneer Place, Evanston. Interment will be in the Hazard family plot in Rose Hill Cemetery in Macon, Ga. Memorial gifts in her honor can be made to The Douglass Fund and mailed to the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College, 181 Ryders Ln., New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Donors should note that the gifts are in her honor.

Mary Lou Pool Demand

Age 80 of Vernon Hills, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She had been a preschool teacher in the Glenview area for many years.

Surviving are three daughters, Robley (Larry) Martinez of Albuquerque, NM, Nancy (Dennis) Morgan of Lakewood, Colo. and Janey (Jay) Pool-Brosten of Lincolnshire; nine grandchildren; and her sister. She is preceded in death by her husbands, Frederick J. Pool and John L. Demand.

A Memorial Service was held at 1 p.m., Jan. 10 at the Northshore Unitarian Church in Deerfield. Interment was in All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. Memorial contributions can be made to either the Northshore Unitarian Church Food Bank or The Nature Conservancy in her memory. Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville handled the arrangements.

Joseph 'Jody' S. Walleck

Age 54 of St. Augustine, Fla, (formerly of Round Lake) passed away Monday, Jan. 12, 2004 at Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine, Fla. He was born in Chicago, the son of Joanne (nee Smith) Walleck of Round Lake and the late Joseph J. Walleck.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Sherry (nee Benkowski) Walleck; his children, Ben Contri of Dalton, Ga., Cory Walleck of Libertyville, and Erin Whaley of Nashville, Tenn.; his brothers; his sisters his grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 17 at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., 410 E. Belvidere Rd., in Grayslake with Rev. Fr. James Merold officiating. Interment is at Avon Centre Cemetery in Grayslake. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 16 at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., 410 E. Belvidere Rd., Grayslake.

Senior discount drug plan moves ahead

State Representative Jack Franks (D-Woodstock) believes that the Senior Prescription Discount Program is ready to go for a 2004 start.

"It's on target," Franks said. "There will be a $25 enrollment fee. We hope to streamline the application process and reach out to as many seniors as possible."

Franks championed the cause and said that he "could not be more excited" than the day that Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed the legislation into law.

"It's hard to say how many people will take advantage of it early on," he said.

He said there will be an advertising campaign in the near future.

Meanwhile in the Illinois Senate, the Pharmaceutical Assistance Review Committee has received an update on the program.

"It appears that everything is moving forward, although I am a little dismayed that we felt compelled to insist on further monitoring of this for another six months," said State Senator Pam Althoff (R-McHenry). "But at the same time, everything could change dramatically depending on what happens at the federal level in terms of a national senior prescription assistance plan."

The Pharmaceutical Assistance Review Committee is charged with providing oversight for the implementation of the senior citizen prescription drug discount program that was approved. The program places a ceiling on drug costs at participating pharmacies. It also requires the Illinois Department of Central Management Services to enter into a rebate agreement with drug manufacturers, allowing Illinois seniors to obtain their prescription drugs at a discounted price.

Area bank acquires another, merger likely

Northern States Financial Corporation, holding company for the Bank of Waukegan, announced that it has completed acquisition of privately held Round Lake Bankcorp, Inc. based in Round Lake, on Jan. 5. The $19.8 million cash transaction was previously announced on Sept. 11 and all regulatory approvals were received in the fourth quarter of 2003.

First State Bank of Round Lake, the wholly owned subsidiary of Round Lake Bankcorp, Inc. with two branches in Lake County, will continue to operate as a separate banking subsidiary of Northern States Financial Corporation for a period of time. As of Nov. 30, First State Bank of Round Lake had approximately $110 million in assets and $9.7 million in stockholders' equity. It is contemplated that the First State Bank of Round Lake will be merged into Northern State's subsidiary, Bank of Waukegan, at some point in the future.

Fred Abdula, chairman and chief executive officer of Northern States Financial Corporation, said, "This transaction expands our operations in Lake County and increases Northern States' combined deposits to be the eighth largest in the county."

Northern States Financial Corporation is the holding company for the Bank of Waukegan, headquartered in Waukegan. At Sept. 30, the company had assets of $632 million, deposits of $465 million and stockholders' equity of $77 million.

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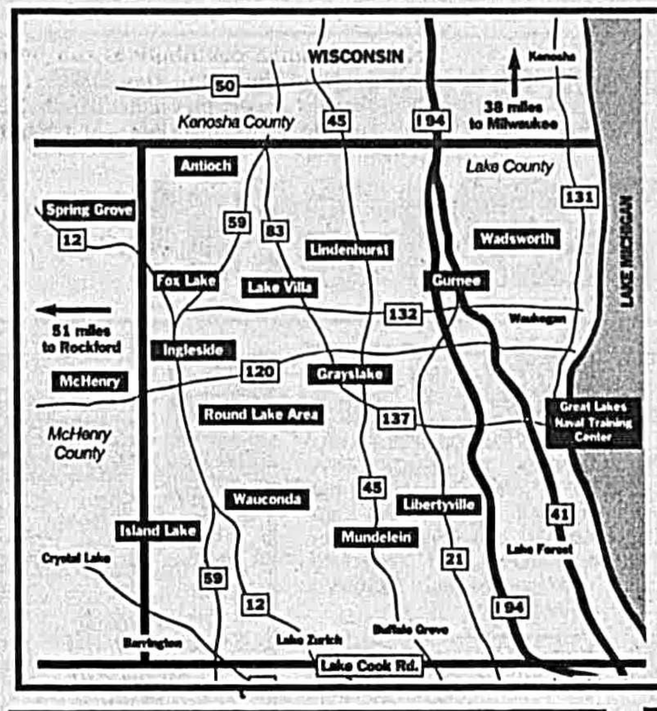
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By Scott T. Fleischmann

Last week, I spoke at a job fair. After my presentation, one of the candidates was sharing his job search woes with me. He said that he would need to wait until January to restart his career exploration. He had just told me that he would not waste his time sending out resumes in a time when people are not making hiring decisions, when Larry, a friend of many years approached us.

Larry is a real estate agent. He was ecstatic. After we greeted each other and made the, Larry explained that he sold three homes last week and that he would probably close two more deals this week. He said that, although many real estate people back off at year-end to prepare for the holidays, He puts in extra hours because those who are spending time looking for a new home are serious motivated homebuyers.

Last year he made 28% of his home sales between the middle of November and the end of the year. He made 23% of his home sales this year in January and February. He accomplished this in Central Minnesota. The winters are long, cold and snowy in that region. He overcame those obstacles and sold real estate.

Like the real estate industry, there are new job opportunities during every season of the year. Unfortunately, most candidates find reasons to stop the searches in certain seasons. Many of these are logical reasons. In fact, I can find a reason to avoid the disciplined approach to job searches year around.

Summer brings vacations and hiring managers are spending time relaxing with their families. In fall, the human resources people are budgeting for next year and the have little time for hiring. The holiday season brings slowdowns caused by holiday parties, lack of money for the coming years' budget, etc. These are excuses and prevent highly skilled candidates from getting the jobs for which they are qualified.

How does one overcome the "Excuse of the Season Blues"? Discipline! Those who have read this column consistently know that discipline is a key to getting a new job. Just as my real estate friend is highly successful at times when others are selling little or nothing; job seekers can be successful because others choose to slow down.

He said that his great advantage is attitude. The rumors are true. Fewer homes sell in winter in his region. Therefore, most real estate agents slow down in order to spend time in the most productive spring and summer months. He focuses on the business that they miss during the winter. Then he can play more golf and fish more often during the seasons when these other agents are competing for sales. He has little competition in winter. Those who choose to continue with a well planned job search have less competition from the other candidates who have chosen to use the well know excuses to delay their search.

Do you want a job? Are you willing to be consistent and disciplined about your search? Those who make these choices increase the possibility of finding a great job.

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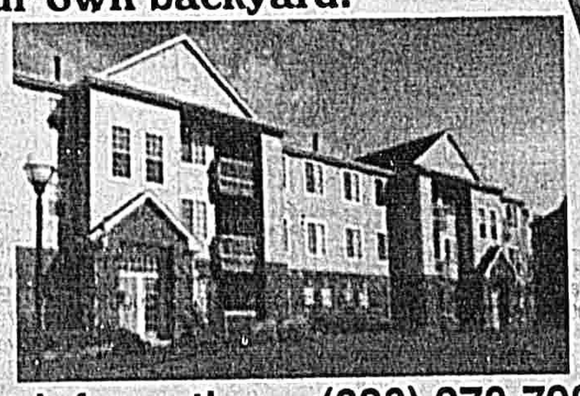
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PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME WITHDRAWAL OR OWNER(S) OR CANCELLATION

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Bonkers For Beads
ORIGINAL DATE FILED:
May 13, 2003

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the person(s) listed below has/have ceased doing business under the assumed name or has/have no further connection or financial interest in said business. Withdrawal shall be effective October 28, 2003.
Elizabeth A. Hayes, 37592 N. Harding Ave., Lake Villa, IL 60046, 847-587-2307.
/s/ Elizabeth A. Hayes
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) withdrawing from the business this 12th day of December 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Kay E. Dickman
Notary Public
Received: Jan. 5, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
0116C-6331-LV
January 16, 23, 30, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Krystal's Kleaning Service
NATURE/PURPOSE:
House Cleaning Business
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
525 E. Burnett Rd., #2, Island Lake, ILL. 60042, (847)343-3875.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Krystal Kogut, 525 E. Burnett Rd., #2, Island Lake ILL. 60042, (847)343-3875.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Krystal Kogut
December 23, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 23rd day of December 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Roger W. Verne
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 23, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake CountyClerk
0102A-6306-WL
January 2, 9, 16, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
BarbaraJean & Co.
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Graphic Design, water color art & crafts to sell retail
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
2209 Witchwood Lane, Lindenhurst, ILL. 60046, (847)356-0963.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Barbara J. Beetschen, 2209 Witchwood Lane, Lindenhurst, ILL. 60046, (847)356-0963.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Barbara J. Beetschen
December 11, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 11th day of December 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Denise B. Hartmann
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 22, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake CountyClerk
0102A6308-LV
January 2, 9, 16, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Center for Pain Control, P.C.
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Professional Corporation
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1800 Hollister Dr., Libertyville, ILL. 60048, (847)549-1609.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Bruce W. Irwin, 1800 Hollister Dr., Libertyville, ILL. 60048, (847)549-1609.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Bruce W. Irwin
December 17, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 17th day of December 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Sheldon M. Lustig
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 22, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake CountyClerk
0102A-6307-LB
January 2, 9, 16, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Marty's Enterprises
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Trucking
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
4501 U.S. Highway 12, Richmond, ILL. 60071, (815) 675-3131.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Martin B. Vogelsberg, 32 N. Route 12, Fox Lake, ILL. 60020, (847)973-1434.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Martin B. Vogelsberg
December 29, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 29th day of December 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Eleanor A. Petruska
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 29, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake CountyClerk
0109B-6314-FL
January 9, 16, 23, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Burton International
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Merchandise Brokerage
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
14367 Greenfield Ct., Libertyville, ILL. 60048.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Wanping Qing, 14367 Greenfield Ct., Libertyville, ILL. 60048.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Wanping Qing
December 30, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 30th day of December 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Eleanor A. Petruska
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 30, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake CountyClerk
0109B-6315-LB
January 9, 16, 23, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Office Center of Gurnee
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Office Leasing & Services
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
5465 Grand Ave., Suite 100, Gurnee, ILL. 60031, (847)855-4500.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Shirley Friedlander, 5465 Grand Ave., Suite 100, Gurnee, ILL. 60031, (847)855-4500.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Shirley Friedlander
December 30, 2003
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 30th day of December 2003.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Eleanor A. Petruska
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 30, 2003
Willard R. Helander
Lake CountyClerk
0109B-6316-GP
January 9, 16, 23, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
McArthur Machining
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Prototype machining and machine programming.
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
38479 3rd. Ave., Spring Grove, ILL. 60081, (847)587-8556.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Richard McArthur, 38479 3rd. Ave., Spring Grove, ILL. 60081, (847)587-8556.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Richard McArthur
January 5, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 5th day of January 2004.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: Jan. 5, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake CountyClerk
0109B-6322-FL
January 9, 16, 23, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
D's Supreme Concrete
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Concrete finishing & concrete pumping
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
131 E. Grand Ave., Fox Lake, ILL. 60020, (847)587-4586.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Derek Michniewicz, 131 E. Grand Ave., Fox Lake, ILL. 60020, (847)587-4586.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Derek Michniewicz
January 6, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 6th day of January 2004.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Linda M. Paulson
Notary Public
Received: Jan. 6, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake CountyClerk
0109B-6325-FL
January 9, 16, 23, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
BLB Exterior
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Home Exterior
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
5 Hilltop Ave., Fox Lake, ILL. 60020, (847)587-0323.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
William J. Schmidt, 5 Hilltop Ave., Fox Lake, ILL. 60020, (847)587-0323.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ William J. Schmidt
January 2, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 2nd day of January 2004.

PUBLIC NOTICE
1988 Pontiac Grand Am
Vin #1G2NW14D4JC786199
Owner: Rachel Lapenta
Amount owed: $1,800
Sale: February 16, 2004
12:00 Noon
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0116C-6342-AN
January 16, 2004

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/s/ Charlene Martinez
Notary Public
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Willard R. Helander
Lake CountyClerk
0109B-6323-FL
January 9, 16, 23, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Fair Chance Farm
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Horse Training/Horseback Riding Lessons
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
31668 N. River Rd., Libertyville, ILL. 60048, (847)212-3343.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Rebecca Zinke, 21 Matts Rd., Fox Lake, Ill. 60020, (847) 973-8287.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Rebecca Zinke
January 5, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 5th day of January 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Eleanor A. Petruska
Notary Public
Received: January 5, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake CountyClerk
0116C-6327-LB
January 16, 23, 30, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
CLT Improvements
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Home Improvements
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
26177 N. Oak Ave., Mundelein, ILL. 60060, (847)566-6182.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Luis A. Colunga, 26177 N. Oak Ave., Mundelein, ILL. 60060, (847)566-6182.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Luis A. Colunga
January 7, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 7th day of January 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Christina J. Hom
Notary Public
Received: Jan. 7, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake CountyClerk
0116C-6333-MN
January 16, 23, 30, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Handyman Matters
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Home & Business Repairs, Remodeling & Restoration
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
3015 Mallard Point, Island Lake, ILL. 60042, (847)487-8104.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Robert J. Anderson, 3015 Mallard Point, Island Lake, ILL. 60042, (847)487-8104.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Robert J. Anderson
January 9, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 9th day of January 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Gerald J Wargorski
Notary Public
Received: Jan. 9, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake CountyClerk
0116C-6332-WL
January 16, 23, 30, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Little Stars
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Home Daycare
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
126 E. Green Valley Ct., Round Lake Beach, ILL. 60073, (847)265-1886..
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Halda Elizarraga, 126 E. Green Valley Ct., Round Lake Beach, ILL. 60073, (847)265-1886.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Halda Elizarraga
January 12, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 12th day of January 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
Received: Jan. 12, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake CountyClerk
0116C-6334-RL
January 16, 23, 30, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
GE-JE Properties
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Rental
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
811 E. Rollins Rd., Round Lake Beach, ILL. 60073, (847)356-6010.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Gary, Julie Eckard, 811 E. Rollins Rd., Round Lake Beach, ILL. 60073, (847)356-6010.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Gary Eckard
/s/ Julie Eckard
January 9, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 9th day of January 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Michelle Rodriguez
Notary Public
Received: Jan. 12, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake CountyClerk
0116C-6336-RL
January 16, 23, 30, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Lucy's Cleaning Service
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Housekeeping
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
1519 Lakewood Pkwy., Round Lake Beach, ILL. 60073, (847)546-6832.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Lucina Barrientos, 1519 Lakewood Pkwy., Round Lake Beach, ILL. 60073, (847)546-6832.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true or real full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Lucina Barrientos
January 12, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 12th day of January 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Eleanor A. Petruska
Notary Public
Received: Jan. 12, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake CountyClerk
0116C-6339-RL
January 16, 23, 30, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
SAFEWAY SELF STORAGE INC.
1100 W. Rollins Rd.
Round Lake Heights, IL 60073
(847) 546-9300
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that **SAFEWAY SELF STORAGE, INC.**, 1100 W. Rollins Road, Round Lake Heights, Illinois 60073, will sell the personal goods from the following units to satisfy the lien of **SAFEWAY SELF STORAGE** (Seller) for rental and other charges due.
Unit #126 5x10
Occupant: Richard Heigel
Contents: Car jack, tool kit, bed, Saw-Saz
Unit #205 10x10
Occupant: Paul McCarthy
Contents: Motorcycle, tool box, & Harley Yamaha & Harley Twin Maximum
Unit #250 10x10
Occupant: Paula Jones
Contents: Furniture, dresser, cooler, boxes & TV
Unit #342 5x10
Occupant: Virginia Graham
Contents: Antique chairs & boxes
Unit #369 5x10
Occupant: Fernando Mata Mata
Contents: Trailer hitch & truck cap
Unit #421 5x10
Occupant: Linda Lou Sadler
Contents: Bicycle, vacuum, tool cabinet
Unit #103 10x25
Occupant: Victoria Skinner
Contents: Stereo, bench grinder, tool boxes, boxes
Unit #112 10x20
Occupant: Christopher Cook
Contents: Sofa, couch, boxes, mattresses, children's toys, fish tank & microwave
These items and all items stored in the above units will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Removal of all items from the premises must be within three days from date of sale and a security bond posted to cover same.
Sale will be held on January 24, 2004 on the premises of **SAFEWAY SELF STORAGE,** 1100 W. Rollins Road, Round Lake Heights, Illinois 60073, (Fairfield and Rollins Road) at approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **SAFEWAY SELF STORAGE** reserves the right to withdraw any or all of the above mentioned items prior to sale.
NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS.
0116C-6340-RL
January 16, 23, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
SAFEWAY SELF STORAGE INC.
EXTRA CLOSET
849 Anita Street
Antioch, Illinois 60002
(847) 395-7100
Notice is hereby given that **EXTRA CLOSET,** 849 Anita Street, Antioch, Illinois 60002, will sell the personal goods from the following units to satisfy the lien of **EXTRA CLOSET** (Seller) for rental and other charges due.
Unit # A2110 5x10
Occupant: Frank Thomas
Contents: Mattress, army surplus gear, stretcher, tool boxes
Unit # A237 10x10
Occupant: Kristopher Fishbugh
Contents: Mattresses, sofa, tables
Unit # A249 10x10
Occupant: Karen Davis
Contents: Washer & dryer, womens clothes, dresser & boxes
Unit # A320 10x15
Occupant: Kathryn Sweeting
Contents: Sunbeam BBQ, mountain bike, furniture, washer & dryer, boxes
Unit # A6000034
Occupant: Daniel Emskamp
Contents: 16' boat & trailer, Runabout & Mercury 100 motor.
These items and all items stored in the above units will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Removal of all items from the premises must be within three days from date of sale and a security bond posted to cover same.
Sale will be held on January 24, 2004, on the premises of **EXTRA CLOSET,** 849 Anita Street, Antioch, Illinois 60002 at approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **EXTRA CLOSET** reserves the right to withdraw any or all of the above mentioned items prior to sale.
NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS.
1116C-6341-RL
January 16, 23, 2004

LAKE VILLA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Statement of Cash Receipts
and
Disbursements

GENERAL FUND

May 1, 2002 to April 30, 2003

CASH RECEIPTS

Cash on hand May 1, 2002, $209,871.17
Contract-Lake Villa Fire Protection District, $337,306.39;
Other Income, $8,874.29.

Total Cash on Hand at beginning of year and Cash Received during fiscal year, $556,051.85.

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Administrative, $24,095.65; Building, $9,560.51;
Fire Equipment, $202,824.24; Insurance, $47,082.99;
Personnel, $129,030.13; Radio, $6,352.56
Utilities, $19,915.39
Property/Management, $9,982.25.

Total Cash Disbursements, $448,789.72.

Balance on Hand April 30, 2003, $107,262.13.

I, Brock Millsop, Treasurer of Lake Villa Volunteer Fire Department, do hereby solemnly swear that the above report contains a full and true statement of all moneys belonging to the General Fund of Lake Villa Volunteer Fire Department, received by us, and disbursed by us on account thereof during the period May 1, 2002 to April 30, 2003 inclusive, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
/s/ Brock Millsop, Treasurer
0116C-6335-LV
January 16, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SQUAW CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT
Notice is hereby given that a 60-day public comment period has opened for public review of the Squaw Creek Watershed Management Plan. The plan is available for viewing at the Hainesville, Hawthorn Woods, Lake Villa, Mundelein, Round Lake, Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Heights, Round Lake Park and Wauconda village halls; the Round Lake library; the Avon, Fremont, Grant, Lake Villa and Wauconda township offices; and at the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, 333-B Peterson Rd., Libertyville, IL. The Squaw Creek Watershed Management Plan Executive Summary and the full document can be viewed online at: www.co.lake.il.us/smc/planning/squaw-creek.
A public meeting on the Plan will be held on Wed., February 18, 2004, from 4-7 p.m. at the County of Lake Administration Building, 10th floor, 18th N. County, Waukegan, IL. All interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views on the proposed Squaw Creek Watershed Plan. Written comments may also be submitted and are encouraged. Written comments should be sent to Jason Obergfell, P.E., Lake County SMC, 333-B Peterson Rd., Libertyville, IL 60048. Comments can also be sent via email to jobergfell@co.lake.il.us.
Written comments should be provided prior to the close of the 60-day public comment period (March 9, 2004).
0116C-6328-LV, MN., NL, WL
January 16, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF LAKE)
In the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, Lake County, Illinois
In The Matter of the Petition of)
Marguerite E. Mitchell)
For)
Change of Name)

Notice of publication
Public notice is hereby given that on March 2, 2004, being one of the return days in the Circuit Court of the County of Lake, I will file my Petition in said Court praying for the change of my name from Marguerite E. Mitchell to that of Maribeth E. Mitchell pursuant to the Statute in such case made and Provided.
Dated at Grayslake, Illinois, January 16, 2004.
0116C-6330-LV
January 16, 23, 30, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF LAKE)
In the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, Lake County, Illinois
In The Matter of the Petition of)
Tarin Marie Radcliff)
For)
Change of Name)

Notice of publication
Public notice is hereby given that on February 24, 2004, being one of the return days in the Circuit Court of the County of Lake, I will file my Petition in said Court praying for the change of my name from Tarin Marie Radcliff to that of Tarin Marie Marchetta pursuant to the Statute in such case made and Provided.
Dated at Grayslake, Illinois, January 16, 2004.
0116C-6326-RL
January 16, 23, 30, 2004

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0109B-6320-WL
January 9, 16, 2004

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION

Estate of Jeffrey Alan Brock, Deceased
NO. 03P1193
CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of Jeffrey Alan Brock of Gurnee, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 22, 2003, to Sandra J. Nielsen, 33957 N. Glen Drive, Gages Lake, Illinois 60030, as independent administrator whose attorney is Tammy K. Glaeser, 495 N. Riverside Drive, Suite 209, Gurnee, IL. 60031.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit court at 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois 60085, Room C-307, or with representative, or both, on or before August 1, 2004, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

Sandra J. Nielson
Representative

Tammy K. Glaeser
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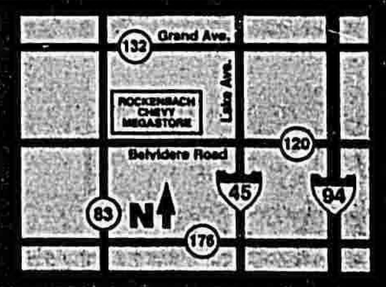
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